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If There's No Snow, Then...



TOM CASCIO, JR., of Cascio Nurseries, Agawam, sprays this Christmas tree white to get into the seasonal mood. Despite the lack of snow in this area at presstime, Cascio Nurseries has a nice selection of flocked trees for sale. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Here's $1,000 For Lights...



LOCAL DEVELOPER RALPH DEPALMA (center) presents a check for $1,000 to Stadium Lights Committee member Mike Martin, Agawam High basketball coach, as DePalma's partner, Joe Pacella, looks on. DePalma-Pacella, Inc., invites other local businesses to match their donation in order to get the football stadium at Harmon Smith Field lit. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

What's Inside This Edition

AHS Winter Sports PREVIEW

Sports Editor Mike Sardella previews what's in store for Agawam High Winter Sports during the 1987-88 season, including the WM champion wrestling and hockey teams

Please Turn To Sports Section

Incinerator Ash To Be Buried In "Meadows" Site In Agawam???

Town Manager Reid S. Charles has written to the City of Springfield saying that the "Town of Agawam" is proposing that incinerator ash from the Bondi's Island incinerator be buried on the 200-acre "Meadows" site, and that a pontoon bridge be constructed from the incinerator to the "Meadows" site to transport the ash.

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EARLY DEADLINE: Due to the Christmas holiday, our deadline for next week's paper is Sunday, December 20th, at 11:00 a.m. WE DO NOT publish between Christmas and New Year's, so please, get your items in for early-January events.

Editorial

Meadowlands Slated For Ash? Go Ask Town Manager Charles!

As if Town Manager Reid S. Charles already didn't have enough problems, he recently became spokesman for the Town of Agawam in a December 4th letter to Springfield Mayor Richard E. Neal concerning the Fluor Vicon Resource Recovery Plant at Bondi's Island.

As we all remember, the incinerotor issue caused quite a snafu here, with Charles and Co-Town Solicitor (then the only town solicitor) Atkins caught within the controversy.

Here's the context of the letter Charles forwarded to Neal December 4th:

"The Town of Agawam is proposing that the remains from the incinerator be deposited at a site on Meadow Street, Agawam. This site is presently under review by the Agawam Board of Health.

"Further, as part of this proposal, the Town of Agawam is requesting that the City of Springfield consider the installation of a pontoon bridge from the incinerator to the Agawam Meadows site as a means of transporting the incinerator remains to this location.

"Following a review of these proposals, kindly advise this office of the City of Springfield's decision - Reid S. Charles, Town Manager."

Charles included this letter to members of the Agawam Town Council in a recent informational packet. As far as we can tell, he failed to consult with the Town Council President about the "Town of Agawam's proposal; with the Board of Health about the "Town of Agawam's proposal; or even a majority of the council about the "Town of Agawam's proposal."

Board of Health Chairman John Negrucci told us he was not privy to Charles' letter to Neal and to his knowledge, no member of his board was notified by Charles of the proposal. Negrucci also said the Board of Health is presently not reviewing the site, as stated by Charles in the letter to Neal.

Whether Charles actually believed the City of Springfield would take this proposal seriously is not the issue at hand - why did Charles put "the Town of Agawam" into such a position without even consulting those in the Town of Agawam who might or might not agree with such a proposal.

What Charles ("The Town of Agawam") is proposing is bringing the incinerator ash closer to Agawam Center from Bondi's Island. This ash is considered hazardous waste by three states, although not in Massachusetts.

The Meadows is land located off Main and Meadow Streets, east and north, respectively, of the Agawam-Westfield River. This is the place where "The Town of Agawam" has proposed burying this ash.

The environmental questions posed by such a possibility are staggering. And in speaking for "The Town of Agawam," Charles gave the City of Springfield the proposal without any input from the Board of Health or even a majority of the council.

Whether the proposal is accepted or not by the City of Springfield, Charles sent it across the River as if the "Town of Agawam" had endorsed it.

We're not even sure at such an early date what the benefits would be for Agawam if incinerator ash was ever buried in the Meadows site (if any). We can safely say that many townspeople are tired of being a "dumping ground" for the rest of the region...Charles' letter from "The Town of Agawam," literally brings this closer to fruition.

Before sending such a letter to the City of Springfield, Charles might have referred to a 1983 letter from the State Department of Environmental Engineering, to former Town Manager Edward A. Caba, about the Meadows site.

"Dear Sir (Caba): In response to your request of June 13, 1983, a representative of the Department (DEQE) met with you and other town officials on June 27, 1983, for the purpose of conducting a preliminary assessment of a site in the Town of Agawam which has been identified for a possible use as a sanitary landfill and/or resource recovery plant.

"The site consists of an area of approximately 200 acres known as the "Meadows," which is located east of Main Street and North of Meadow Street, and which is adjacent to the Westfield River.

"The Meadows site is located entirely within the 100-year flood plain of the Westfield River - it is subject to frequent flooding, and during the 100-year flood event is flooded with 11 to 17 feet of water. The site also contains substantial areas of vegetated wetland and active agricultural land.

"Based on preliminary evaluation of the site and on available information, the Department does not consider the "Meadows" site to be suitable for use as a sanitary landfill and does not recommend that the site be assigned under Chapter 111, s., 150A.

"Although no final decision can be rendered in the absence of any formal request for site assignment and plan approval, the Department is of the opinion that the site cannot comply with criteria set for in the Department's solid waste and wetlands regulations, and that the approval for use of the site for a sanitary landfill or other large scale solid waste facility would be extremely unlikely."

The letter was signed by Stephen F. Joyce, the same DEQE official who appeared at the Agawam Town Council meeting fully supporting the site and construction of the Bondi's Island incinerator.

When we supported construction of the incinerator last summer, it did not include support for bringing its ash to be buried closer to Agawam Center. That's a whole new ballgame. We believe mainstream Agawam would agree.

And Charles, who has said many times before that he's an employee of the council (which is true), sent over this proposal to Springfield without the council ever voting on it, or even having the opportunity to debate it. What about the Board of Health? Or the Conservation Commission? Or the townspeople of Agawam?

Regardless of Charles' motives for sending the letter, it certainly was premature at best, and establishing a dangerous precident as well (although we have to admit, Charles was rather bold stating, *"The Town of Agawam is proposing..."*).

Why, if we didn't know better, we'd swear that the letter from Charles to the City of Springfield came from an elected mayor, not a town manager.



LETTERS to the EDITOR

Leonard House Christmas A Success!

To The Editor:

For the recent show "Christmas at the Captain Charles Leonard House," hearty thanks go to the Agawam Garden Club under the direction of President Barbara Farrington, and to the Trustees of the Captain Leonard House for their sharing of her vision for an unusual Agawam event.

The show was conceived as a way to demonstrate the ways to transform natural and hand-crafted materials into trees, wreaths, and arrangements for holiday and Christmas home decorating.

The creative talents of the Garden Club members were beautifully displayed, enhanced by the dignity and charm of the old House. Adding to the elegance of the show was the harp music by Thyra Torlai.

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From The Suffriti Family

Reflecting On The Stock Market Crash

If you're asked in the year 2000 where you were and what you were doing an Monday, October 19th, 1987, the chances are good you will give a very precise answer.

On so-called "Black Monday," the Dow Jones Industrial Average plummeted 508 points, or 22.6 percent of its value—almost twice the percentage drop of the "Crash of 1929." As people gathered around televisions, radios, and evening newspapers, the talk was of an economic disaster and the beginning of a possible new depression for America and the world.

Yet, the sun came up again the next day. The financial market system held together, and investors learned that they would live to fight another day.

Even now, as financial markets continue to search for direction, it is instructive to put "Black Monday" into perspective as to its causes and its lessons for individual investors.

One important fact often overlooked is that the Dow began its five-year bull run in August 1982 at 777 points, peaking in August 1987 at 2722, more than a **250 percent gain.** The 22.6 percent, one-day drop was unprecedented, but represented only one-fifth of the five-year gain. This means many long-term investors retained substantial gains even after the tumultuous week of October 19th.

The second lesson is how different 1987 is from 1929. Today, most economists discount the possibility of a rerun of the financial collapse that followed the 1929 crash. The basic reasons are a stronger and more alert Federal Reserve, the separation of the banking system from the market system, tougher restrictions on margin trading (buying stocks on credit), and the "safety net" of bank deposit and securities account insurance. Each is a result of lessons learned from 1929.

The actual cause of "Black Monday" is more difficult to pinpoint. Most experts identify three key factors:

—**massive Federal budget and trade deficits,** which have turned the U.S. into the world's largest debtor nation;

—**sophistication of global financial markets** with computerized trading and new instruments, such as stock index trading, that increase market volatility;

—**investor psychology** that translated the above factors and lack of action from Washington, D.C., into a panicked stampede.

As for the individual investor, the lessons learned from October 19th were many, and sometimes painful. On the most obvious level, many learned the basic reality of the stock market—what goes up may come down. Many first-time investors had never experienced a significant loss.

Even more investors learned the market can be a perilous place without expert advice. Clients of full-service brokeroge firms had financial consultants backed by up-to-the-instant information to help them make investment decisions. In a situation where time literally was money, full-service firms cleared client transactions as quickly as possible, often saving several dollors a share in the falling market. Many other firms' clearing time may have been longer since they had to go through third-parties for their transactions.

Lastly, individual investors learned first-hand the value of a diversified portfolio. As recently as October 12th, many major firms recommended clients keep 25 percent or more of their assets in cash or equivalents, and a similar amount in fixed income bands, leaving less than half their funds in the stock market. Those who followed this advice had some solace October 19th.

Looking ahead to 1988, you might wonder if there are any good values in today's markets. The answer unquestionably is **yes.** However, more than ever, financial success will depend an a clear understanding of investment goals, advice from a qualified financial consultant, and a diversified portfolio of investments.

LEONARD HOUSE CHRISTMAS - From 2

The Agawam Garden Club is small but the months of planning and the many hours of work by the members culminated in an extremely rewarding event.

The old House proudly welcomed the crowds who came, who saw, and who enjoyed the hospitality of its Trustees. Thanks again to all who made it possible.

Mrs. A.P. Dugan
Agawam

Thanks For Helping M. Burns

To The Editor:

Special thanks to the following for their contributions to the James Michael Burns Dinner Dance:

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On behalf of all who attended this function or who donated to his fund,

Thank you very much.
Jim's Friends

Internal Revenue Promises Better Service

The new director of the Boston District of the Internal Revenue Service pledged "quality service to every taxpayer," as his gaal in the coming filing season.

Gerard R. Esposito, 48, made the pledge during his installation as district director in a ceremony held at the Old North Church.

As district director, Esposito supervises the 1,400 IRS employees in Massachusetts and oversees the toll-free call-in center that services New England and New York State. In 1986, this district processed five million federal tax returns accounting for $24.2 billion.

"Our goal is to give every taxpayer quality service, to treat taxpayers as customers," he said. "This is especially important in this transition year of the tax reform law, because the public has a lot of changes to deal with."

Esposito said he plans to hire 20 more taxpayer representatives to improve customer service, and a number of revenue agents.

"We will continue to crack down on abusive tax shelters, money laundering, and other sorts of tax cheats," he said. "Each person who cheats the government of his fair shore of taxes is robbing the honest taxpayer."

Esposito was appointed to the post November 9th by IRS Commissioner Lawrence B. Gibbs. He succeeds John D. Johnson, who is now assistant commissioner for IRS planning, finance, and research in Washington.

Macey Visits With VFW Ladies Auxiliary

Agawam Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey was escorted into the Ladies Auxiliary to the Agawam VFW 1632 meeting by conductress Judy Broden, where Rita Shea, president, introduced him to the members.

Drug abuse was the main topic and many samples were shown and explained by Macey. Also, the D.A.R.E. program that he is conducting in the local schools was discussed.

A question and answer period followed.

Drug abuse is only one of the many programs being addressed by the Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Massachusetts programs. Phyllis Rogers is the State Safety chairwoman and has distributed much literature on the drug abuse program.

Transfer member from Maine VFW Auxiliary, Linda Passon, was welcomed into the Auxiliary.

A Christmas Party followed with a grab bag gift.

On Sunday, December 13th, the Ladies Auxiliary brought various miniature toilet sundries to the Heritage Nursing Home. After distribution, the ladies sang Christmas carols, led by Wanda Berard, past president.

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25. Meatball	$3.50
26. Sausage	$3.50
27. Turkey	$3.25
28. Seafood Salad	$3.50
29. Cheeseburger	$3.50
30. Hamburger	$3.25

All Grinders Served With Chips And Pickle

SANDWICH SHOP

31. Western	$2.20
32. Ham And Cheese	$2.20
33. Tuna Fish	$2.20
34. Chicken Salad	$2.25
35. Ham Salad	$2.20
36. B.L.T.	$2.10
37. Grilled Cheese	$1.40
38. Egg Salad	$1.40
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Served With Lettuce And Tomato

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Police Arrest 6, Take 219 Calls Last Week

Agawam Police Department Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey today released the following crime statistics for the Town of Agawom for the week ending Sunday, December 13th.

Police arrested six and responded to 219 calls. Included were one breaking and entering, six arrests, 16 larcenies, 10 malicious damage, 22 nuisance persons, 23 suspicious activity, 20 alarms, 20 property damage due to accidents, two injuries due to accidents, and five Fire Department assists.

Also, 11 ambulance assists, five citizen assists, four disturbances, 15 disabled motor vehicles, six civil disturbances.

On December 7th, **Kevin T. Simone,** 21 Hazel Street, Haverhill, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Robert King and Detective Thomas Marmo.

On December 8th, **Anna Batista,** 116 Marble Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with larceny over $100. Larceny occurred at Zayres Department store. Arresting officers were Steve Sliech and Ronald Brown.

On December 9th, **Richard Brayton,** 6 Grove Road, Enfield, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with being an escapee from Hampden County House of Correction. Detective Stanley Chmielewski and Detective Thomas Marmo were on the street in an unmarked cruiser when they spotted Brayton at the corner of Main Street and School Street in Agawam. Suspect was apprehended without a struggle, booked and returned to York Street Jail, Springfield.

On December 11th, **Linda Howard,** 280 Jasper Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Peter Bertera and Karen Cormier.

Police, D.P.W. Remind About Winter Laws

The Agawam Police Department and Department of Public Works jointly wish to remind residents of certain town ordinances regulating winter parking, snow plowing, and sidewalk clearing.

ROADWAYS

During the period of November 15th through April 1st, parking of vehicles on streets and ways in Agawam is prohibited on that side of the street on which buildings have an odd street number.

This ordinance applies at all times, except during snow plowing operations or declared emergencies.

During snow plowing or removal operations, any vehicle impeding in any way with such work may be removed or towed away at the owner's expense. In general, any vehicle parked on a street during plowing or snow removal operations interfering with such work will be removed.

If the accumulation of snow and ice on public ways is such that the parking of vehicles on these ways impedes or prevents the passage of emergency service vehicles or police vehicles, the Town Manager may declare via radio and TV announcements that a state of emergency exists.

During the state of emergency, the parking of vehicles on a public way is prohibited. The penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be $15 for the first offense, and $25 for the second and all subsequent offenses.

The town ordinances further provide that no persons plowing, pushing, or shoveling snaw or ice from private parking lots, driveways, or sidewalks, in ar upon any street, shall leove any ridge of ice or snow or other debris upon the street as to cause hazardous or dangerous conditions.

SIDEWALKS

The town ordinances require that the tenant, occupant, or owner of property abutting o sidewalk clear it of snow within 24 hours of the cessation of the snow storm. These some people are also responsible to remove or treat with sand any ice which may form on the sidewalks. The penalty for violation of these provisions is o fine of $2 per day for each day the violation continues.

The Department of Public Works does plow snow from certain sidewalks an main arteries where children are required to walk to school. The Department of Public Works may not plow light snow falls or early or late winter storms when rapid melting is predicted.

Actions of the Department of Public Works do not relieve the owners or occupants of abutting property from their obligations under the ordinances. Residents may call the Public Works Office for information regarding its sidewalk plowing activity after any given storm.

Walsh Co-Sponsors Bill To Help Elderly

State Representotive Michael P. Walsh, D-Agawam, has co-sponsored a bill which will provide reimbursement for personal emergency response system services for elderly and disabled persons who are eligible for medical assistance under Medicaid.

The bill, which was filed by Representative Carmen Buell, D-Greenfield, would ensure that Medicaid would pay for the installation and operation of the personal emergency response systems in the homes of elderly and handicapped individuals.

"Many people who would utilize systems such as these currently may not be able to because they oren't covered under Medicaid. This bill would ensure that even though they may not be able to personally afford it, elderly people will still be able to take advantage of this life-saving device," said Walsh.

Personal emergency response systems, commonly known as Lifeline devices, can provide the individuol with instant access to a doctor's office, hospital emergency room, relative or neighbor.

Agawam Crime PREVENTION

Police And The Media

by Wayne Macey
Agawam Crime Prevention Bureau

Proper communications between police departments and the media is essential if the public is to be informed and made aware of developments within their perspective communities.

Although the police—news media relotionship has been stormy at times in the past, it is for the most port mutually understood that each can and should benefit the other.

The problems that exist stem from a basic mistrust between police officer and media reporter. Today, liability is a serious concern, and lowsuits are more common than the cold. The fear of being misquoted,, along with the fear of giving misinformation, will limit communications and strain police-press relations. There remains a thin line betwen what can and cannot become public information.

In order to improve police-media relotions, each must take the time and put forth the effort to better understand the job and concerns of the other. The police need the press and other media to keep the public advised and let them know we are on the street and doing the job.

Media needs the police to get them the facts and details dealing with the events of the day. It is the responsibility of the press to report these events in both a timely and accurate manner. The desire of the public is to be informed, and in order to sell newspapers, the media must satisfy that desire.

On the other hand, it is the duty of the police department to protect and serve the people within their community. Contained within that duty is an obligation to preserve all stages of the investigative process. We must avoid at all costs anything which could be interpreted as an attempt to prosecute a case in the newspapers. The judicial process and subsequent rights of the defendant to a fair and impartial trail are of paramount importance. To violate any of those individual rights is to torpedo the entire investigation.

As long as there remains a need for police service, there will be a need for reporting the news. Since we are doomed to a life of coexistence, trust will continue to be a must and our needs will include each other.

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Obituaries

Robert H. Keene

Robert H. Keene, 56, of 88 Karen Lynn Circle, Feeding Hills, a carpenter for Chainiere Construction Company, Westfield, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He also was a route driver for 15 years for The Springfield Newspapers.

A native and former resident of Chicopee, he had lived in Feeding Hills for 15 years. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

He leaves his wife, the former Jill Maurer; four sons, Timothy of Springfield, Donald W. and Stephen, both of Feeding Hills, and Henry M. of Agawam; two daughters, Nancy Connaughtan of Indian Orchard and Linda Keene of Springfield, and two grandchildren.

A private funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home with burial in Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Fund of Western Massachusetts Hospital, 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield, MA, 01085, or to the James S. Buckley Alzheimer's Fund, in care of the Visiting Nurses Association, 600 Berkshire Avenue, Springfield, MA, 01109.

Felix J. Podsiadlo

Felix J. Podsiadlo, 53, of 53 Peterson Circle, Feeding Hills, retired locomotive engineer for Conrail in West Springfield, died Friday, December 11th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He retired in 1981 after 30 years' service. He was also ossociated with the Wooden Choo-Choo T-Shirt Shop.

Born in Buffalo, New York, he came to Springfield in the 1970's, and moved to Agawam seven years ago. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Downeaster Belgian Sheep Dog Club. In April, he won first prize for American Breed Dogs at the National Specialty Show in Connecticut. He was a Marine veteran in the Korean conflict.

He leaves his wife, the former Virginia Craig; two sons, Leon of Buffolo and Jamie F. of Feeding Hills; two stepsons, James and Christopher Olko, both of Agawam; four daughters, Marie Brown and Elizabeth ond Felicia Podsiadlo, all of Buffolo, and Michelle Podsiadlo of Feeding Hills; his mother, Elizabeth (Lociemski) Podsiadlo; a brother, Frank, and two sisters, Marsha Podsiadlo and Roseanne Krziemen, all of Buffalo, and two grandchildren.

There was no funerol service and burial was at the convenience of the family. Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

Melconian Supports House On Insurance Pact

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) today announced her strong suport for the House of Representative's belated resurrection of the Senate's Auto Insurance Reform Package. Senator Melconian stresses, "This is the only responsible action in light of the heightened auto insurance crisis in the Commonwealth."

Over the last 10 years, Massachusetts auto insurance consumers have experienced escalating premium charges. The consumer crisis continued this week with the stunning decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ordering the insurance commissioner to reevaluate its 1987 rate decision, and with the announcement by Insurance Commissioner Roger Singer of yet another whalloping 8.5 percent rate increase in automobile insurance premiums for 1988.

The current crisis is unique because auto insurance companies, despite the high consumer premiums, are paying to leave the state cause they claim they cannot make a profit selling auto insuronce in Massachusetts. Peerless, Firemen's Fund, Hartford, and most recently, Kemper, wont out, noted Senator Melconian.

Peerless decided (unilaterally) to stop selling auto insurance coverage without notice to agents or consumers. Firemen's Fund Insurance Company recently paid the Commonwealth $45 million as o negotiated settlement to cover its liabilities in the Commonwealth's auto reinsurance facility before it stopped writing all lines of liability insurance in Massachusetts.

Finally, Kemper has proposed a plan whereby it would establish a separate business entity funded with $100 million for the purpose of offering auto insurance in Massachusetts. Kemper has taken this action because it alleges that in 1987 alone its anticipated losses will be $37 millian resulting from underwriting auto insurance coverage.

These devastating octions by the auto insurance industry have prompted the House of Representatives to address auto insurance reform this legislative session, despite its actions six weeks ago in summarily rejecting Senate Bill 1975, the comprehensive consensus auto reform package, which Senator Melconian pushed through the Senate.

"Clearly, consumers have every right to be outraged at their escalating insurance premiums; auto insurers claim they ore equally outraged at the loss of money underwriting auto insurance. However, while insurance companies may be losing money in writing auto insurance, the fact remains that they ore reaping huge profits in other lines of insurance. The industry recently reported (nationwide) o $3.8 billion profit. Auto losses are being offset by homeowner and other lines of business," stated Senator Melconian.

"The auto insurance situation in Massachusetts has gone from bad to worse," she said, adding, "unless true and substantial auto insurance reform is realized this legislative session, exorbitant rates will continue for another year."

State Rep. Michael Walsh Slates Office Hours Dec. 18th

Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agowam) will be holding office hours for his constituents, Friday, December 18th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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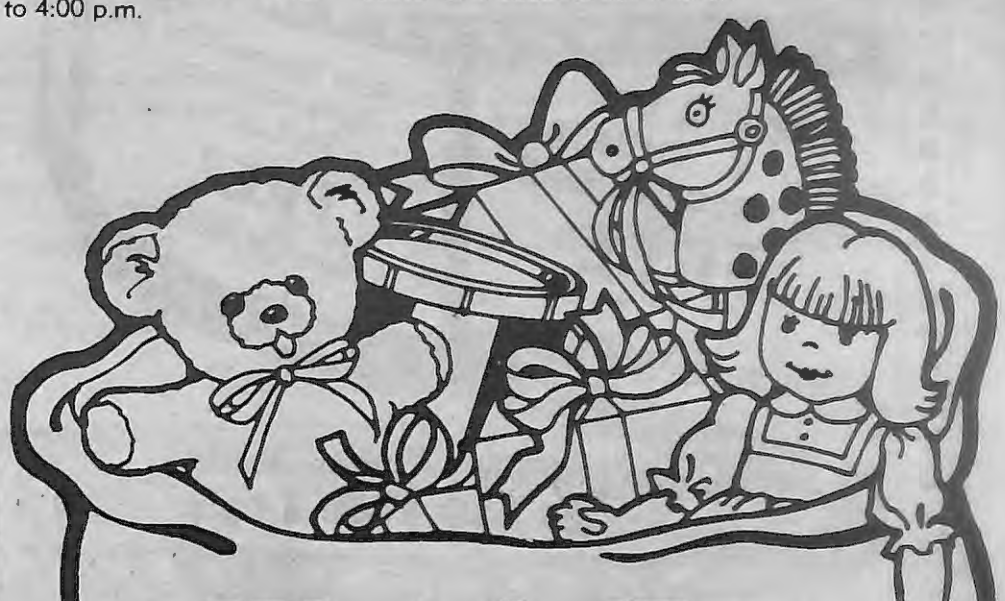
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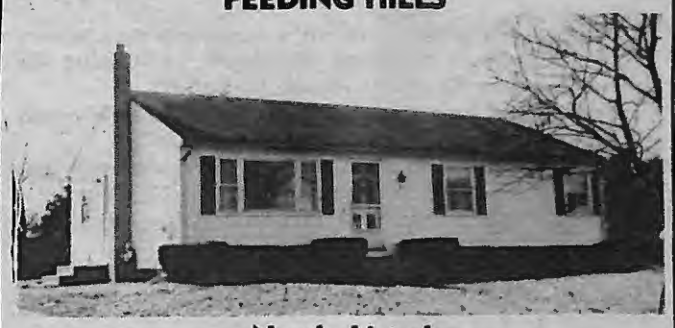
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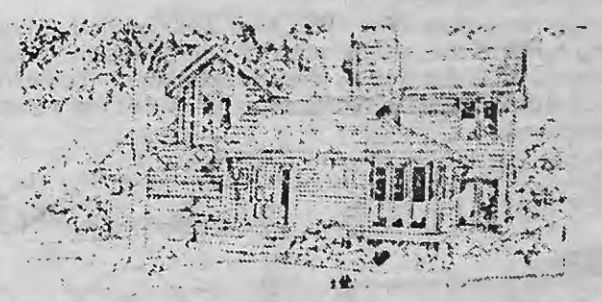


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Families



MR. & MRS. RANDY FOSTER

Ann DeLucchi Bride Of Randy Foster Of Indiana

The setting for the October 30th wedding of Ann DeLucchi and Randy Foster was Bethany Assembly of God Church, Agawam.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mario J. DeLucchi of 95 Spencer Street, Agawam. The bridegroom is the son of Ronald Foster of Kokomo, Indiana, and Ms. Solly Foster, also of Kokomo.

Joanne D'Amato attended the bride as maid of honor. Peter Mozdzanowski served as best man.

The bride is employed as a dental hygienist by Dr. Eugene Markowski, Suffield, Connecticut. Her husband is a driver for United Parcel Service.

Regina Saracino Bride Of Anthony D'Amato, Jr.

On October 16th, Regina Saracino, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Saracino of Agawam, wed Anthony D'Amato, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony D'Amato of Springfield.

The couple was married at a candlelight ceremony at St. Anthony's of Paduo, Agowam. Officiating the ceremony was Reverend Joseph H. Fellin.

Family and friends gathered to honor the newlyweds at a reception at Oak Ridge Country Club.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Laurie Bonavita. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Barbara Harrington, Miss Lizabeth Riley, and Miss Cathy O'Malley.

Serving the groom as best man was Anthony Basile. Timothy McQuade, Peter Saracino, and Christopher Piteo served as ushers.

Flower girls were Kathryn and Sarah Beth Jobbins, and ring bearer was Robert Dasso.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School, Holyoke Community College, and North Adams State College, and is employed by Kathryn's, Inc., as an office manager.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Cathedral High School and is an ironworker for Springfield Local 357.

The couple enjoyed their honeymoon trip to St. Marten.



MRS. ANTHONY D'AMATO, JR.
nee Regina Saracino

Kurt J. Donnelly Completes Norfolk Electronics Program

Kurt J. Donnelly, a former resident of Agawam who now resides in Chesapeake, Virginia, successfully completed a four-year apprenticeship program in electronics at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

In June 1985, Tidewater Community College awarded a certificate "Cum Laude" to Kurt as an engineering technical assistant.

On November 19th, 1987, Kurt was certified as having fulfilled the requirements of apprenticeship under standards prescribed by the Department of the Navy, and was awarded a certificate as a skilled electronics mechanic.

Lillian Chechile Announces Birth Of Great-Grandson

Mrs. Lillian Chechile of Agawam would like to announce the birth of her third great-grandson, born November 9th.

The parents are Michael & Joanne McGuire of Margate, Florida.

The grandparents are Linda & Arnold Cone of Agawam, and Judy McGuire of Pompano Beach, Florida.

The great grandmother is Ruth Cowan of Connecticut. The great-great grandmother is Delia Sweeney of Heritage Hall Nursing Home. The baby's name is Steven Michael, and weighed 6 pounds.

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Agawam Post Office At Agawam Senior Center



TO MAKE THE HOLIDAY RUSH A BIT EASIER on local senior citizens, the Agawam Post Office brought stamps and other postal supplies to the Agawam Senior Center last week to be sold. Agawam Postmaster Bernard Donahue is pictured with Santa's helper Marilyn Cannata (postal employee). Holding a sheet of stamps is senior citizen Jim Griffin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HOLDING SHEETS OF STAMPS WITH Santa's helper (postal employee Marilyn Cannatta) at the Agawam Senior Center are senior citizen Gladys Francazio (left), and Phyllis Mason, executive director, Agawam Housing Authority. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

F.H. Post Office Helping Needy Families

by Joan Lussier
Advertiser News Staff

With the unrest in the world, and the reports of violence and crimes in our newspapers, and on our televisions, it is refreshing and heart-warming to know the ***"true spirit of Christmas,"*** really does exist, and is being enhanced by the Feeding Hills Post Office.

What started as one man's desire to make the children of one needy family have a Merry Christmas has snowballed into now being able to give at least eight needy families in the area not just toys for the children, but gloves and hats; a turkey and all the fixings, and even a visit from Santa.

Phillip Girard, Officer-in-Charge, Feeding Hills Post Office, and a National Veteran Service Officer who served in Vietnam, made his mind up "to try to make some kids happy."

The 25 employees at the post office believed in his idea so much they wanted to do more. There were discussions and the ideas were many. Postal employees settled on toys for the children, and a turkey dinner for the whole family. Hopefully, there would be clothing, too.

Girard contacted the U.S. Marine Corps, who replied they would be happy to help out with possibly three to four gifts per child.

Milton Bradley Company responded by donating some games.

Impoco's Poultry Company of Feeding Hills will be presenting the Post Office with turkeys for the dinner, while Feeding Hills Public Market will contribute all the fixings for a healthy, filling meal.

Century 21, Heritage, will give gloves and a hat for every child, and Building 451 will supply all the wrapping paper, which the "elves" at the Post Office will use to wrap the gifts.

The Agawam Advertiser News is donating festive ice cream cokes, made at Peter Jon's Gourmet Ice Cream Shop in Feeding Hills.

Taylor Rental will provide a clean and pressed outfit for Santa to wear on his journey to deliver toys and presents.

Girard said, "I am so excited that everything is falling together. The employees have been wonderful. They've been working hard and have come up with some good ideas and suggestions. After we have helped these families, if there are items left, we will give them to one of the other groups that helps needy families, too. I just wish there was a way to help all the kids."

It's still not too late to let the ***"Spirit of Christmas"*** fill your heart this holiday season. If you want to help, or can donate goods, please contact Girard at the Feeding Hills Post Office, 786-1030. The only request is that since it is for Christmas, all items should be new. Any money that is donated will be turned into gift certificates for clothing (preferably winter coats for the children) or for fuel to keep the families' homes warm.

Girard believes that whatever you give to someone, someday it will return to you. If this is true, then Girard and the Feeding Hills Post Office employees, along with those who donate items or money, will have a Christmas filled with great love and happiness, knowing thot they have helped at least eight families have a Christmas they will treasure and remember.

The entire list of businesses include **Feeding Hills Post Office, Century 21 Heritage, Milton Bradley. U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, Impoco Poultry, Feeding Hills Public Market, Building 451, Feeding Hills Pharmacy, Feeding Hills Hardware & Glass, Taylor Rental, Westbank, Grimaldi & Burzdak Realtors, Agawam Advertiser News.**

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Maple Grove Cemetery Synonymous With Johnson's Corner



JOHNSON'S CORNERS - better known to town residents as the intersection of Southwick, North West, and South West Streets, Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Part III Of Four Parts

What's In A Name?

We could not in true conscience conclude this brief story of the Maple Grove Cemetery without giving due credit to **Johnson's Corners.** The fact remains that these country corners are most synonymous with the burial grounds in that many of the Johnson family, from whence came the name of the intersection, are interred on what was once Johnson farmlands!

Although there remains little doubt as to why these corners were given the early distinction attributable to Johnson, the fact is that long before the arrival of Leonard Johnson, progenitor of the village Johnsons, Southwick and the West Streets (South and North) were in long use prior to this later period of time, circa early-mid 1800's.

Early documents of the mid-18th century make mention of the highway in Feeding Hills in reference to what is now Southwick Street.

Also, mention is made to the roads that connected West Suffield and Westfield, respectively South/North West Streets. However, it is town historian Edith LaFrancis' historical text that clearly denotes that many, if not most of our town and village's present-day roads were once the ancient pathways of the local Indians!

Maps Are Source Of Reference

While doing research on the cemetery and the Leonard Johnson family, we made constant reference to a number of early maps of the area dating back in time to 1795. Unfortunately, the 1795 map does not provide information relative to the early homesites, but it does show the roadways and main highways existent at that time. Southwick Street was referred to as the road from **Boston to Great Barrington,** and South/North West Streets are clearly visible by a broken line leading from the southwest boundary line between **West Suffield/Feeding Hills** sector.

It is not until we researched the 1831 map of outer Feeding Hills village that we discovered the many homesites close to the intersection.

Strangely enough, we find no evidence of the Maple Grove Cemetery on the 1831 map; however, Edith LaFroncis' text clearly states that the earliest of markers ("Alexander Smith's first wife) is 1829!

Perhaps, this is further in evidence because family burial plots might not have been so distinguished as proper cemeteries. It is not until the 1855 map do we find notation of the cemetery and then it is next to the Johnson farm site.

Although there may be earlier dated survey maps prior to the 1831 map, we must rely upon the latter date for the purpose of locating homesites within the vicinity of Johnson's Corners.

On this premise, we allow for only three homesites still intact and located on the corners of the intersection, namely: **Josiah Johnson,** north west corner of Southwick/North West Street; **Artemas Beebe,** south west corner of Southwick/South West Street, and **Leonard Johnson,** south east corner of Southwick and South West Street.

Quick Judgements Misleading

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our apologies to our readers in that we did not conclude this particular story of the Maple Grove Cemetery earlier; hence a delay of publication for the past two weeks!

Yet, as we continued to research the necessary materiol for this story, it became quite evident that further research than anticipated must be done if we were to justify certainty of facts relative to the article. For this very reason, we caution students of historical research to allow for appropriate time to follow-through with their studies, lest they become short-changed of all the facts that remain on hand for proper judgement.

Since we cannot to date establish the exact date for the Maple Grove Site (even now), it is clearly evident that this cemetery might be quite a bit earlier in date than anticipated. Certainly, it remains that the burial grounds were first initiated as a family burial site.

Also, it would be erroneous to attribute the importance of these corners to the Johnson family alone, in that at least two of the three still remaining homesites date back in time to a much earlier date, notably the Josiah Johnson home, now owned by Tony & Sophie Egnatowich, and the Stockwell-Beebe house, property of the Curry family.

Certainly, these two homes predate the Leonard Johnson house by many years (prior to Johnson's arrival in the village).

In no way do we intend to minimize the importance of the name Johnson's Corners as less than attributable to its originators. We are simply attempting to justify the fact that the area in question was long before a settled and well-travelled region dating back in time to the early 1700's.

We base this fact on the information derived from early documents of the Stockwell-Beebe families, and upon many hours of personal affiliation with the late **Dick Van Heusen**, who was a well-noted local authority on colonial architecture.

Accordingly (many years ago), Mr. Van Heusen informed us that the Josiah Johnson property dated to circa 1790, while the Stockwell-Beebe house was assuredly of 1750 vintage or earlier, while that of Leonard Johnson's homesite was probably early 1800's period.

Accordingly, it must be stated that while researching the Registry of Deeds in Springfield, and the Probate Court records in Northampton, we were able to clearly establish that the Stockwell family probably built their structure prior to 1750!

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SAINT DAVID'S
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December 20 - 8:00 A.M. The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Advent Music at the Offertory and at Communion. 10:00 A.M. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II. Nursing home visit, Jesus' Birthday party. 11:30 A.M. "The Greening Of The Church", decorating and tidying the Sanctuary, and singing carols to prepare for His Day. December 24 - 5:00 P.M. Children's and Family Eucharist, the Junior Choir, Hallie Cowan, Director, The Rev. John Parke, Organist. 11:00 P.M. Candlelight Eucharist, The Senior Choir, Walter Kelley, Director, Norma Turcotte, Organist. December 25 - 10:00 A.M., The Holy Eucharist, brief service and homily.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST
786-4174

Sunday, December 20 - 5:30 P.M. Children's Christmas program. Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, 7:00 P.M. Family Christmas, candlelight and choir singing. 11:00 P.M. Holy Communion. Candlelight and Choir singing.

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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Bethany Assembly of God will observe the Christmas Season with special services planned for Sunday, December 20th and Christmas Eve. In the 8:15 & 10:45 A.M. worship services there will be special music by the Sanctuary Choir and Pastor Berkey will be speaking on the subject: "Mary, Joseph and the Babe." In the evening at 6:00 P.M. the Sunday School Department will be presenting a delightful musical called "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" which the entire family will enjoy with its inspiring message. On Christmas Eve, Bethany will be having its traditional Candlelight Communion Service from 7 to 8 P.M. This beautiful service will feature music by the Choir and a special duet by Pastor William Owen and his wife, a brief meditation by the pastor and the remembrance of why Jesus came.

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Sunday, December 20 - 10:00 A.M. family festival of Christmas for all ages followed by a church school Christmas party in Dunn Hall. 2:00 P.M. Bingo workers Christmas party. Thursday, December 24 - 11:30 P.M. Christmas Eve, service of carols and candlelighting.

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Tips To Tackle The Christmas Rush

Christmas shopping can make you feel like something the reindeer dragged in. It can drain your energy level—and your bank account. But with a little thought and organization, it can certainly be true this holiday season that giving is better than receiving. Here are a few tips, collected by Manufacturers Hanover Consumer Services from professional shoppers at several of the nation's major department stores, to get you started.

MAKE LISTS of everyone you plan to shop for, and include clothing sizes and possible gift ideas. If someone has a particular hobby or interest, list those as well. Lists are most important when buying for children. You may be surprised at the number of variations on any one toy. The more you know about a gift request, the better. Ask questions!

CHECK THEM TWICE—When sending gifts or greeting cards this holiday season, make sure you're aware of any changes in the lives of those on your list. When in doubt, check with someone who would know. Other changes are also very important to note. For example, a box of Christmas candies may be a very nice idea, but not if the recipient is dieting.

THE STRATEGIC SANTA—Try to avoid backtracking. Returning to the same store over and over again is a waste of time. Use your shopping list to map out a route before you leave home.

USE CATALOGUES—Catalogues have become very popular in recent years. Certain catalogues offer better deals than others, but almost any catalogue is a good source of gift ideas—especially for children. If you do use a catalogue, make certain your gift will arrive with plenty of time to spare. Today, most catalogue companies offer toll-free numbers to speed the ordering process.

SHOP EARLY—The earlier you get started, the less rushed you'll feel. Stores will be less crowded, and you'll find better deals if you have time to comparison shop. Stores are usually least crowded early in the day, during dinner time, and late in the day. But don't go shopping if you're tired—this is when irritability levels are highest.

BUDGET—Budgeting can be the hardest part of the entire Christmas shopping process. Depending upon your gift list, you may find that no matter how carefully you budget, you may run short of money. Many people use personal loans during the holiday season to meet their gift-giving obligations. If you decide that a personal loan is a good idea, you'll want to do business with a reputable, experienced lender. Manufacturers Hanover Consumer Services, one of the country's largest lenders specializing in personal loans, suggests that borrowers pay careful attention to such factors as speed of credit approval and quick access to funds, convenience of repayment terms, and the ability of the lender to meet future loan needs.

One final tip suggested by each of the professional shoppers interviewed: Don't forget to allow yourself time to enjoy the holiday season!

FIREWISE - *by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks*

Deck The Hall With Boughs Of Safety

Holiday homes are beautiful, but don't let yours lead to a fire. The Agawam Fire Department wishes you happy holidays with these safety reminders.

Winter holidays and candles seem to go together. They symbolize joy, warmth, security and light; but if you're not careful with them, they can end your holiday festivities in a flash. If you use candles or other open flames in your household decorations this season, remember these safety tips: **Keep flames well away** from anything that can burn—upholstered furniture, curtains, lampshades, and flammable holiday decorations. Never leave a flame unattended, even for a moment. And keep children away from all fires.

Evergreen boughs are used to decorate holiday homes, bringing reminders of living things into the depths of winter. They are lovely, but must be protected from accidental fire. If using a candle in an arrangement with greens, be sure it's in a stable glass enclosure to keep the flame well away from the dry, flammable greens. Keep greens moist and discard them as soon as they become dry and brittle.

Christmas trees are beautiful but present their own terrible hazards. Whether your tree is cut or living, keep it well watered. Of course you will never use live candles or other flame on a tree no matter how charming the tradition seems. Electric lights must be approved by Underwriters Laboratories as shown by a UL hangtag on the card. Never use strings of lights that have frayed or broken cords. Do not overload electric outlets or overuse extension cords. Demanding too much current from your circuits can make wiring overheat and start fires inside your walls.

Purchase only living trees with root balls or freshly cut trees. Some cut trees were harvested months ago and are dangerously dry by the time you shop for your tree. Test freshness by closing your thumb and forefinger around a branch and pulling your hand toward the branch tip. The needles should feel soft and springy, and few should drop to the ground.

When you get your tree home, cut about an inch off the bottom of the trunk and place the tree in water. The cutting step is important because a cut tree tries to "heal" its cut by sealing it with its own sap. This also prevents it from drinking. Use a stand that holds plenty of water so the tree will not dry out. A tree can become a flaming torch in seconds. It burns so hot that it can engulf an entire room in less than two minutes.

Don't block doorways or hallways with your tree. In a fire, seconds count and you need every possible exit.

And consider one of the newest fire safety gifts: a tiny but effective smoke detector disguised as a tree ornament. Give one to yourself and to each of your loved ones. What better way to show you care? Don't let a holiday fire end your festivities.

Give Kids More Than Toys

During this holiday season, as you think about gifts for the children you love, the Agawam Fire Department suggests some special gifts that will live on and on after the holiday is over.

Spend some special time with your children teaching them important fire safety lessons. Teach them that matches and lighters are for adults, not for children. If they find these items around the house, teach small children to give the items to an adult so they can be placed up high out of children's reach. Older children must be taught that lighters and matches are tools, not toys. They should be taught to use them properly and safely, and only when an adult is present.

Caution older children to be careful when cooking. Again, adult supervision is the safest way. Even microwave ovens can cause severe burns. Boiling water often bursts over the top of containers as they are removed from the oven. Burns caused by this action can be prevented by using a container much larger than the amount of liquid, and using a long-handled utensil to stir the liquid for a moment before removing it from the oven.

Be sure children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. They should stop where they are, drop immediately to the ground and, folding their arms over their face to help protect it, roll back and forth to "squoosh" the flames. If they run for help or toward water while their clothing burns, the flames will get worse and will cause severe—perhaps fatal—burns. At the least, the flames will cause terrible pain and lifelong scars.

Teach children what to do if a fire starts. Teach them to leave the house or building immediately, without stopping to find their favorite toy or to save their pet. Make sure they know at least two ways to escape from their own home. Often a fire blocks the main route out of the house and it's hard to think of another way during the rush of an emergency.

In fact, your family should make and practice a complete home escape plan, including two ways out from each room and a specified meeting place outside so you know everyone is safe.

And while you're buying holiday gifts, why not buy a new smoke detector for your home? If you have one already—probably near the bedrooms—add one near the entrance from the basement or garage. If you have wired-in detectors, a battery-operated detector will provide back-up protection if the power goes out. And how about one of the new, tiny smoke detectors that look like a Christmas tree ornament? What a perfect "open before Christmas" gift for anyone you love!

Riverside Continues Weekend Flea Markets

Riverside Park in Agawam is holding its First Annual Flea Market on weekends through February 28th, 1988.

The indoor flea market with over 100 tables and growing, offers different gift ideas for the holiday season. From antiques and sterling silver jewelry to homemade baked goods, you may find something for everyone on your holiday gift list. Also available during your shopping, Riverside offers hot and cold refreshments.

The Flea Market, which began October 10th, will now run through February 28th every Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The market is located across from Riverside Park on Route 159, Agawam. Parking and admission are free. For more information, call 786-9300.

News, Activities At Agawam Senior Center

December 14th to 17th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: (Four days), mini bazaar and tag sale.

December 22nd, Tuesday: Special Christmas lunch with Fats Daniels on the band stand, and a special performance by our Silver Star Players, under the direction of Lillian Doyle. Drawing for the three raffles.

December 24th, Thursday, 10:30 a.m.: Brunch will be served. The Center will close at 12:00 noon.

December 25th, Friday: Christmas Day, the Center will be closed.

December 26th, Saturday: There will be no bingo.

Trips:

January 14th, Thursday: Coachlight Dinner Theatre, matinee. *"Guys And Dolls"* is the show. Price, $23.75 per person which includes all. The deadline for reservations is December 21st. Reservations may be made at the Senior Center ticket booth.

LEGAL NOTICE **LEGAL NOTICE**

TOWN OF AGAWAM
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, on THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of PAUL LAGASSE JR. who is seeking relief from Section 20-38 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of a single family residence on a lot with less than the required frontage on the premises identified as LOT NO. 20 BARRY ST.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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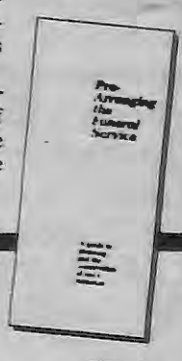
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Golden Agers Chapter I Revels At Annual Xmas Party







A HUGE GATHERING OF AGAWAM GOLDEN AGERS, all members of the Chapter II group of the organization, recently gathered for their Annual Christmas Party. PICTURED LOWER-LEFT, clockwise - officers Clara McLean (corresponding secretary), Ernest Swanson (treasurer), and Bernice Burton (recording secretary); Doris Paradio, and Louis and Louise Scherpa; and the last picture, Edward Grimes and Fern Stowe, pictured with Richard Mundo, executive director, Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

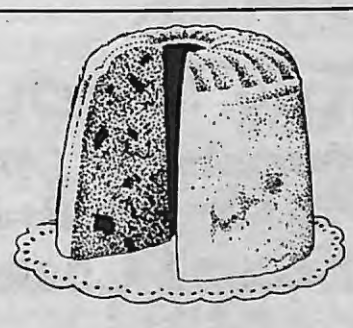
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Bethany also has a New Year's Eve service from 10 p.m. to 12 midnight. This year's former youth pastor, Evangelist Greg Hubbard, will share his slides of their recent ministry in Bangladesh. His wife Robyn will sing and he will share a challenge from God's Word as we face the opportunities of 1988.



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Pastor: Rev. E.B. Berkey

YOU Are Welcome!

Agawam Golden Agers Chapter I Hold Annual Xmas Party







THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB held its Annual Christmas Party recently, and it proved to be another big success. IN PHOTOS STARTING clockwise (left corner), Mary Giordano and Florence Bianchi; Edward Orgenec, Connie & Frank Galli; Hazel Gates, Mabel Bailey, Edith Gates, and Helen McGrady (standing). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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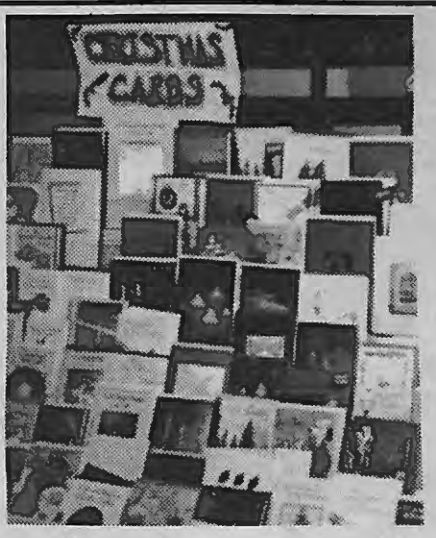
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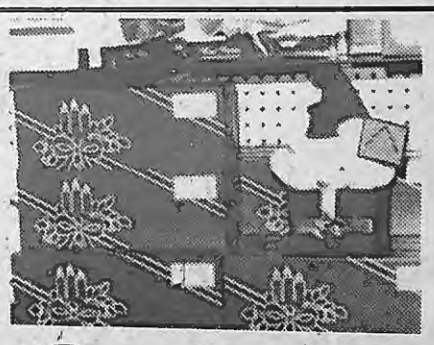
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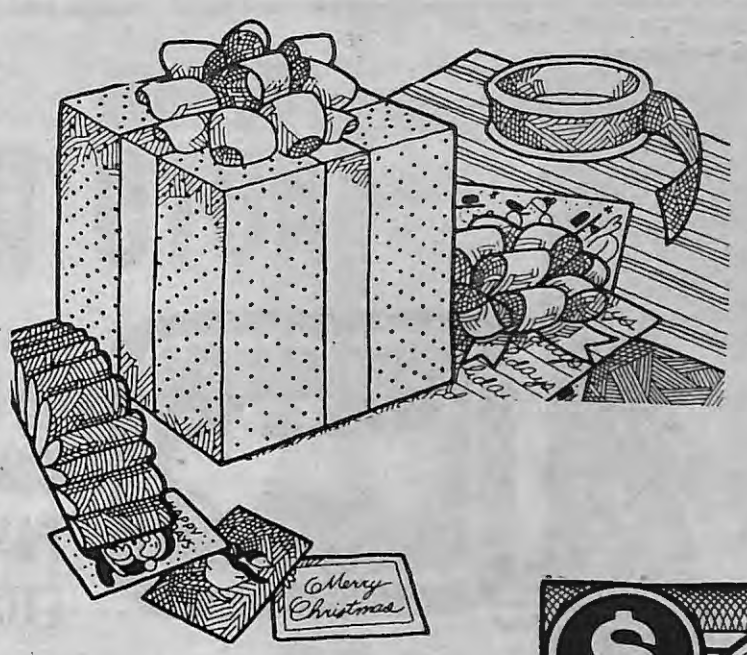
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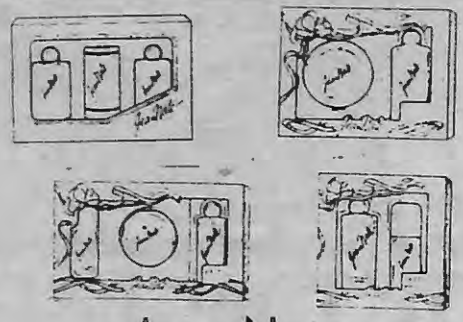
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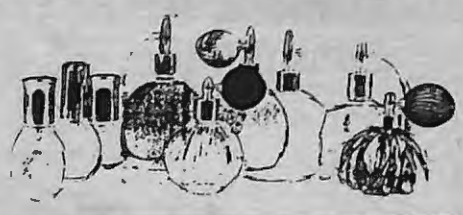
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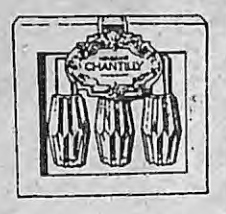
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WMRRS Executive Director Katharine L. Surette proudly shows-off the recording booths constructed by the Agawam Lions Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Lions Club Presents $1,000 To WMRRS

Agawam Lions Club President Harry Camyre recently presented a $1,000 check to Western Massachusetts Radio Reading Service, Inc. (WMRRS), Executive Director, Katharine L. Surette.

The money will be used by WMRRS to purchase new recording equipment for the two recording booths constructed earlier this year by the Agawam Lions Club members.

In addition to the support provided by the Agawam Lions, members have donated seven specially equipped receivers to be used by the listeners of WMRRS.

Only in its fifth year of operation, Western Mass. Radio Reading Service provides 24-hour broadcasting service to print handicapped people in the Western Massachusetts and Connecticut Valley region. Volunteer readers supplement the news and music heard on standard radio stations by the reading of newspapers, selected magazines, current best sellers, interviews, "walking tours," and consumer news.

WMRRS is seeking to expand its base of listeners beyond the blind and print handicapped to other handicapped groups such as accident victims, MS and MD victims, arthritis sufferers, or any others who have difficulty using standard reading materials.

For more information, to volunteer, to identify listeners, or to make a contribution, contact WMRRS, 736-8558, or visit the studios and offices at 108 Baldwin Street, West Springfield.



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT HARRY CAMYRE presents a $1000 check to WMRRS Executive Director Katharine L. Surette as Agawam Lions Donald A. Sorel and Matthew Blackak look on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Santa & His Helpers Appear At Westbank Christmas Party



SANTA CLAUS points to the camera as Christina Curtis gives him her list of presents she hopes to receive December 25th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LITTLE MELISSA JACOBS is not too sure she enjoys being on Santa's lap as Santa's two helpers try to provide her with emotional support. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.





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Elton A. Winn

Elton A. Winn was born in 1902 in Shirley Mills, Maine. He is from a family of 13 children. Elton still has two surviving sisters, Ada and Agnes, and one brother, Delbert.

In earlier years, he was employed as a lumberjack in Maine. Elton relocated to Massachusetts and obtained employment with the Kendall Company in Colrain, Massachusetts. He retired after 52 years of service with the company. Elton was married to the late Elizabeth Purchla Winn for 40 years.

He has one daughter, Anne Pinter-Rubeck, and four grandsons, Robert, James, David, and Wiiliam. Elton is very proud of his grandson, William, who is a third year cadet at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs.

Elton continues to lead an active life enjoying hobbies of playing cards and billiards. Prior to residing at Heritage Hall, he enjoyed making furniture.

Heritage Hall is happy to have Elton as a member of its family.

I Remember
by Lena DiPinto

"When we were small children, my brother and sister looked forward to a little Christmas snow covering the ground, but we still had chores to do after school. Oh, how we loved to play in the snow! My younger brother was with another family and he had his own Christmas.

Around 7:00 p.m., we children went to bed to be awakened before midnight so we could attend church. When we came home we were allowed to open the presents under the tree. We sat by a nice warm fire and played Christmas carols on our lovely upright piano in the parlor. After that, we enjoyed light refreshments and went back to bed. One of the nicest gifts under the tree was a beautiful doll and I gave that to my sister. Of course, my brother received a gift also. Once we even went on a sleigh ride through the countryside. It was a beautiful winter wonderland. Winter was long, but we were happy as everyone enjoyed the holiday season."

ENTERTAINMENT
Tom Bilodeau

On Saturday afternoon residents of Heritage Hall gathered for one of their favorite entertainers, Tom Bilodeau.

Tom entertained them with melodious tunes on his accordion as residents joined in a sing-a-long of favorite Christmas carols. *"Dashing Through The Snow," "I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas,"* and *"Jingle Bells"* were only a few. Tom has been entertaining the residents of Heritage Hall for the past several years and every time he returns, they enjoy his performance as much as the first.

Heritage Hall would like to extend a "thank-you" to Tom for sharing his holiday spirit and talents with us.

Cindy Singers

Residents of Heritage Hall gathered for holiday entertainment provided by the Cindy Singers. The singers' voices blended in perfect harmony as they song four all-time favorite Christmas carols, *"Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer," "Away In The Manger," "The Christmas Polka,"* and *"A Christmas Recipe."*

Everyone joined in a sing-a-long of *"Jingle Bells," "I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas,"* and *"Silent Night."* Heritage Hall would like to extend a "thank-you" to the Cindy Singers for sharing their holiday spirit and talents with us.

COMMUNITY
Brownie Carollers

On Thursday afternoon residents of Heritage Hall received a wonderful surprise as Troop Leader Sue Meunier arrived with her Brownie Troop. The group gathered in the lobby around the Christmas tree to entertain residents with a variety of Christmas carols and Brownie songs. Before the singing began, the girls distributed Christmas cards that they made to each resident.

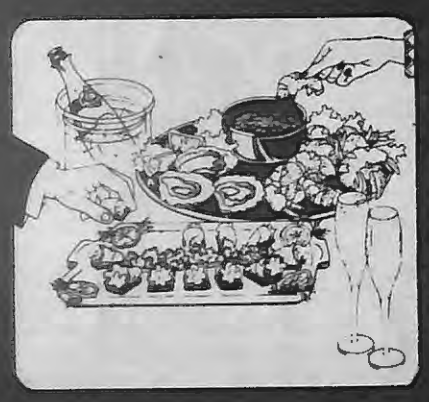
After the performance, the girls visited the wings to sing and visit with other residents. Needless to say, they were delightful and captured many of the hearts at Heritage Hall. The Dietary Department provided refreshments of punch and cookies for the troop after the performance.

Sue has been visiting Heritage Hall with her troop for many years. Heritage Hall would like to extend a "thank-you" to Sue and her girls for thinking of our residents.



BROWNIE TROOP LEADER SUSAN MEUNIER arrived with her Brownies last week to sing Christmas carols to residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

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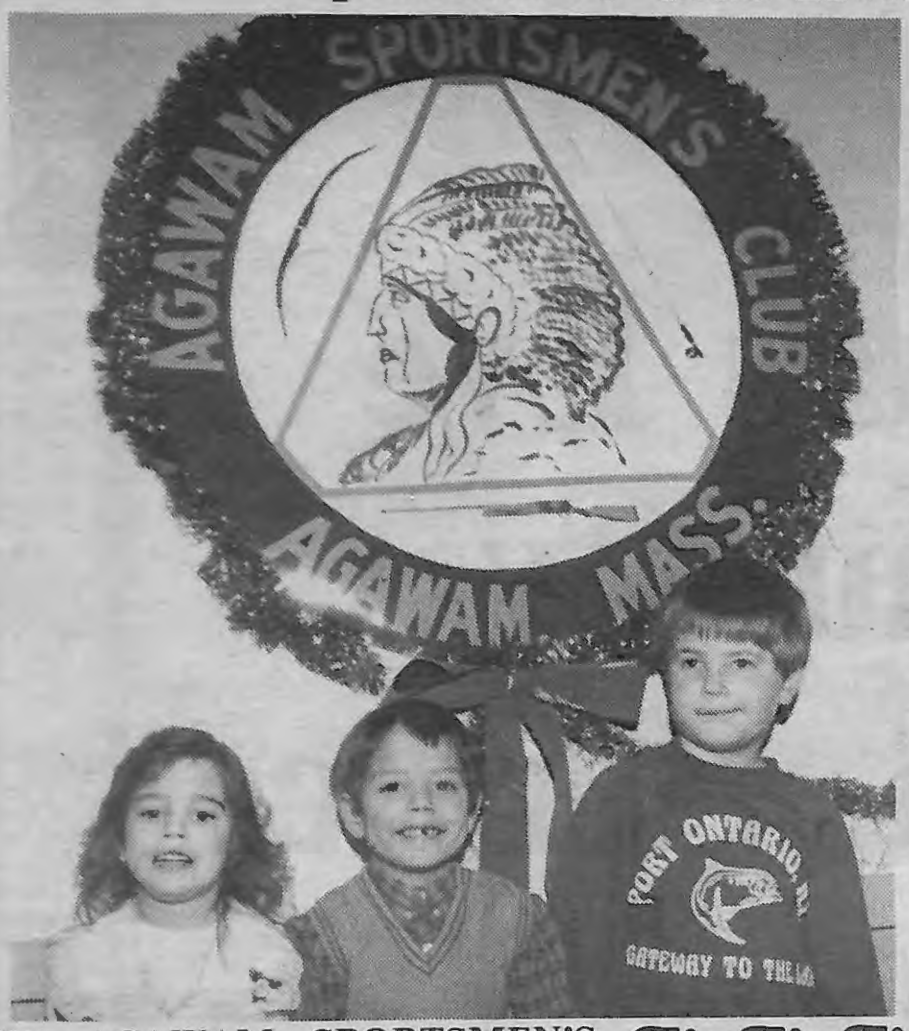
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Sportsmen's Club Holds Xmas Party For Kids



THE AGAWAM SPORTSMEN'S CLUB held its Annual Christmas Party for the kids last Saturday. Pictured under the club's logo are Kris and James Strong, and Brian Borkosky.



PICTURED IN FRONT OF THE Christmas Tree at the Agawam Sportsmen's Club - Lauren Brunault, Joey Trimboli, and Christine Isabelle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



OF COURSE, the appearance of Santa Claus thrills the kids at any Christmas Party and here, youngsters Seth Chiba, Sheree Cardin, and Daniel Cardin tell St. Nick about what they hope to see under their Christmas trees on Christmas Day.

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THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, held its Annual Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 8th. In photo top left, members Albina Anderson, Kay Rau, and Lee Dion display gifts that were to be handed out during the event; in photo top right, bell ringers Alice Moore, Pat Buoniconti, Joan Hauser, Janice Ludemann, Diane Hartmann, Jan Nooney, Ann Tapply, and Cathie Strniste were the featured entertainment. The bells provided a unique method of presenting favorite Christmas tunes. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

ATTENDING THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY on December 8th were members Nancy Doucette and Theresa Barlow.

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Raffaele Larocca Completes Army Motor Transport Course

Army Reserve Private Raffaele A. Larocca, son of Raffaele & Terisina Larocco of 72 Sunset Terrace, Feeding Hills, has completed an Army motor transport operotor course at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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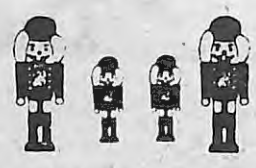
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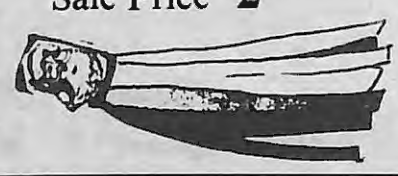
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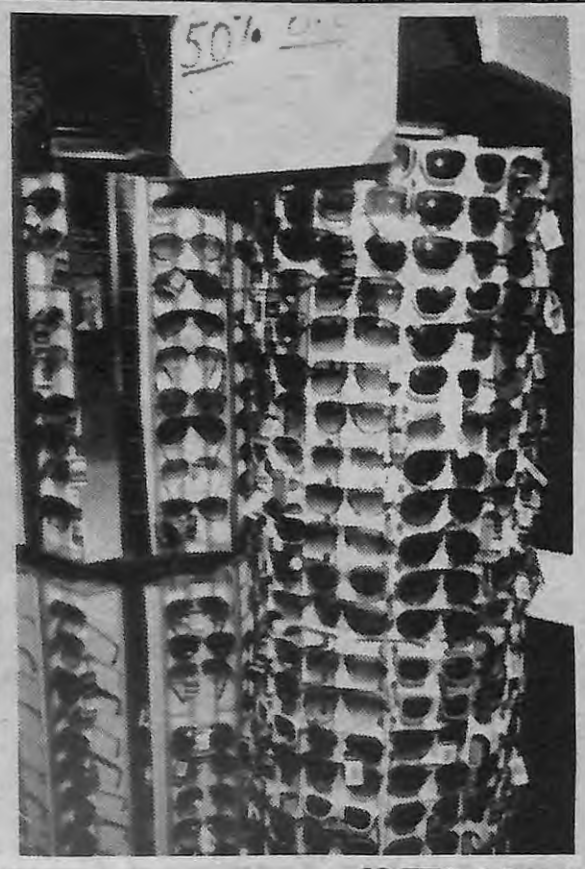
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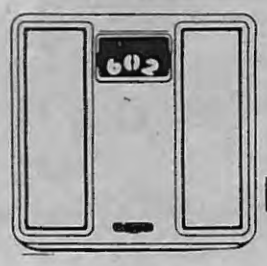
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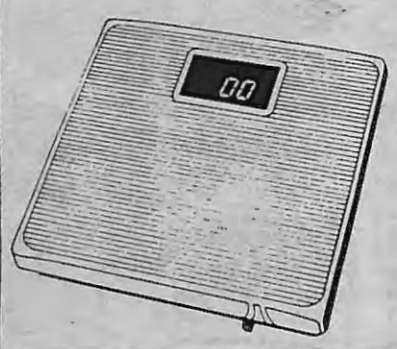
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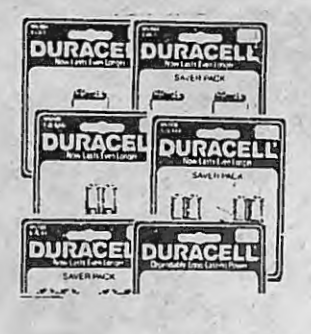
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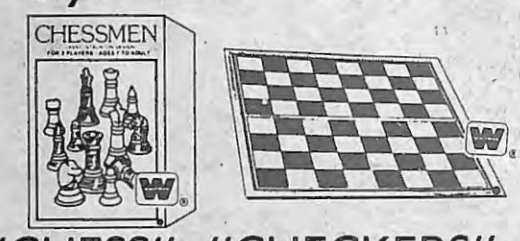
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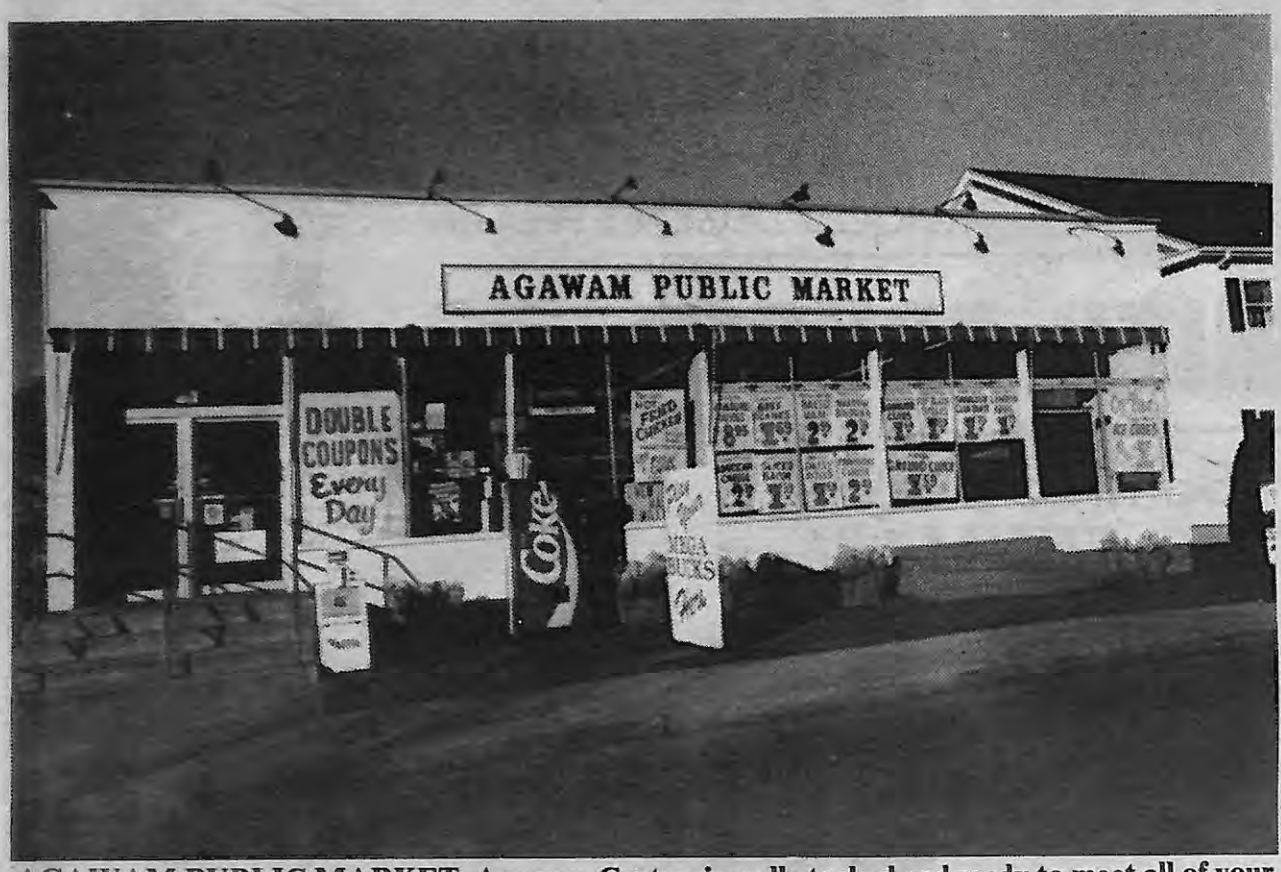
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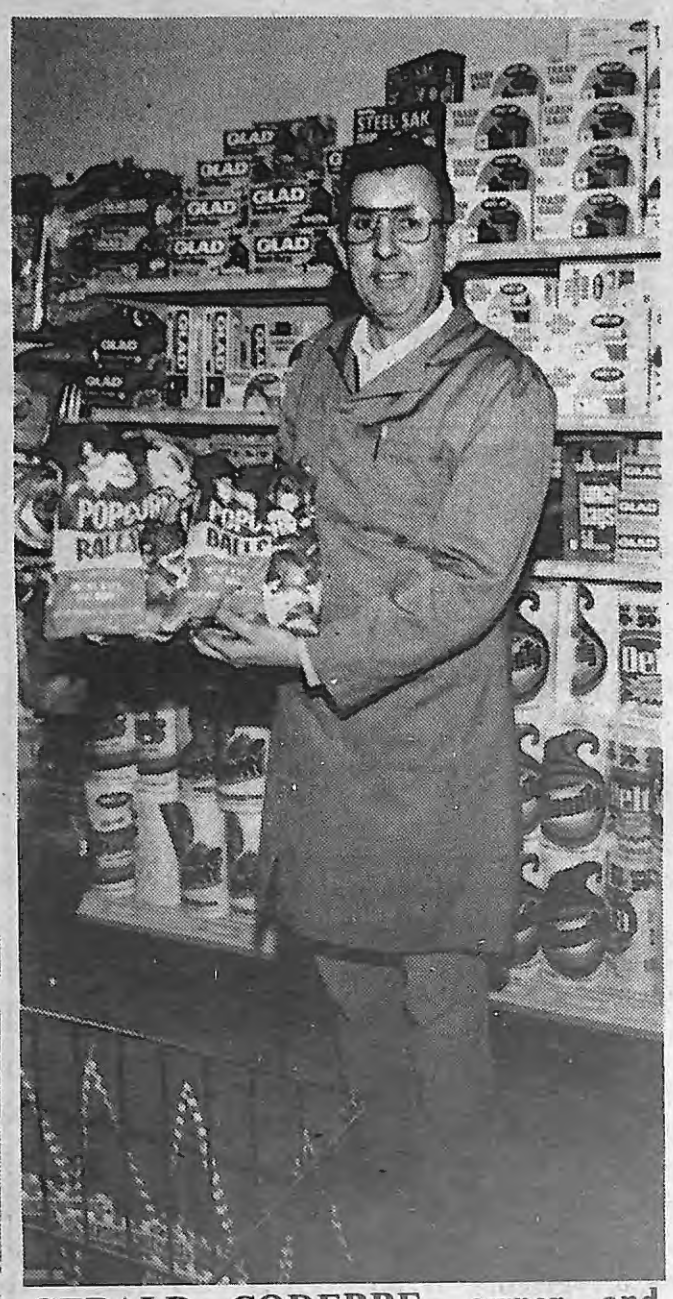
Season's Greetings From Agawam Public Market



AGAWAM PUBLIC MARKET, Agawam Center, is well-stocked and ready to meet all of your holiday needs for both Christmas and New Year's. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE STAFF OF AGAWAM PUBLIC MARKET - Karen Burrows, Jeff Govoni, Celia Jones, Christine Turcotte, Jeff Czupta, Rose Brock, Helen Walsh, Noella Coderre (owner and operator), Anne Johnston, and Gerald Coderre (owner and operator). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GERALD CODERRE, owner and operator of Agawam Public Market, holds a couple of bags of popcorn balls - a perfect snack for those late-nights watching movies on the VCR.

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But a microwave oven also offers unlimited ways to prepare meals, from the simplest to the most elegant, quickly and easily. All it takes is a little microwave savvy!

Before you get started, take a minute to review the microwave techniques and terminology that are important to the success of your recipe. A few basics to always remember are **timing, characteristics of the food**, and **covering.**

One rule of thumb regarding **timing** is—when in doubt, undercook! You can always add more microwave cooking time if the food is not done. Standing time is crucial for successful microwave cooking. Food may not always look finished when it has been cooked the recommended time. But the heat that has been generated by the cooking process is still being conducted toward the center of the food mass. Always allow the recommended standing time in the recipe, before you decide to add "just one more minute."

Often, covering with Saran Wrap* brand plastic film during the standing time will help hold in heat and equalize cooking, especially in cakes and egg dishes.

As for the **characteristics of the food,** three things to remember are the shape, size, and amount of the food.

Shape

Thin or tender parts of irregularly shaped food (chicken legs, asparagus, etc.) cook faster than thick parts. Place thicker parts toward the outside of the dish where they will receive more microwave energy. When you place several similarly shaped foods, like potatoes, in the microwave, arrange them in a ring pattern.

Size

Microwaves penetrate food up to 1½ inches thick. Food cut in uniform pieces under 2 inches will give you the best results. When you have larger pieces or dense food, turning the food is the best way to promote more even cooking.

Amount

The larger the mass of food, the longer it will take to cook in your microwave oven. If you double a recipe, add one half more time and check for doneness. Some foods will cook faster if stirred once or twice to redistribute the heat. Foods that can't be stirred should be rearranged during cooking to reposition food and prevent spot overcooking. Move pieces from the center to the outside edge and from the edge to the center. Foods that are cooked with a covering of Saran Wrap usually require very little rearranging. There are some foods that can't be stirred or rearranged in the dish, so the dish itself needs to be rotated either a quarter-turn or half-turn as the recipe directs.

Covering is an effective way to make microwave cooking work the best for you. It is a way to hold in the moisture and heat as foods cook, help equalize cooking, minimize hot or cold spots and shorten cooking time—a real plus when you're cooking delicate foods.

Covering acts as a steamer to help retain nutrients in foods. It also promotes more even defrosting and keeps reheating time to a minimum so flavor remains at its peak. Proper covering can even reduce the need to stir or rearrange some foods. The best product to use for covering is Saran Wrap.

One important technique to remember when you use Saran Wrap as a cover is venting. There is a desirable accumulation of steam when food is covered with Saran Wrap. But it is important to allow a small bit of the steam to escape during the cooking process. To vent, fold back a small edge of the wrap. After cooking, remove the plastic wrap by lifting the far corner, allowing the steam to escape away from you. Do not puncture or slit Saran Wrap.

Now that you've got the basics under wraps, let's move on to some great eating!

Rum-Raisin Sauce

2 tablespoons light rum
½ cup golden raisins
½ cup butter or margarine
¾ cup sugar
1 egg, beaten

Stir rum into raisins; set aside.

Place butter in 1-quart glass casserole. Microwave at HIGH (100 percent power) 45 to 60 seconds, or until melted. Stir in sugar.

Microwave at HIGH (100 percent power) 2 to 3 minutes, or until bubbling; stir twice. Stir small amount of hot butter-sugar mixture into beaten egg. Stir egg mixture back into remaining butter-sugar mixture. Cover with vented Saran Wrap.

Microwave at MEDIUM (50 percent power) 2 to 3 minutes, or until thickened; stir twice. Stir in rum-raisin mixture.

For dessert, pour sauce over ice cream and/or pound cake. Sauce can also be served over ham.

Makes 1¼ cups sauce.

For flaming dessert, place 2 additional tablespoons light rum in 1-cup glass measuring cup. Microwave at HIGH (100 percent power) 15 seconds. Stir into sauce in heatproof dish. Ignite and spoon over dessert.

Cinnamon Baked Apples

4 baking apples (about 1¾ pounds)
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
¼ cup sugar
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 tablespoons raisins

Cut off about ¼-inch from bottoms of apples, core apples almost to bottom and cut strip of peel from top of each. Place apples in 8-inch round glass cake dish.

Place butter in 1-cup glass measuring cup. Microwave at HIGH (100 percent power) 30 to 45 seconds, or until melted. Stir in sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, and raisins. Divide evenly among apples, filling centers. Cover with vented Saran Wrap.

Microwave at HIGH (100 percent power) 4½ to 5½ minutes, or until apples are tender, but still firm. Let stand covered 5 minutes.

Makes 4 servings.

Note: The following are baking apples: Granny Smith, Rome Beauty, Jonathan, and Golden Delicious.

Fruit Compote

1 package (8 ounces) dried mixed fruit
2 medium apples, cored and cut into ½-inch pieces
½ cup unsweetened apple juice
¼ cup almond flavored liqueur
1 cinnamon stick
2 tablespoons flaked coconut, toasted

Pit prunes and cut large dried fruit in half. Combine dried fruit, apples, apple juice, liqueur, and cinnamon stick in 1½-quart glass casserole. Cover with vented Saran Wrap.

Microwave at HIGH (100 percent power) 5 to 6 minutes, or until heated through. Let stand covered 2 minutes. Remove cinnamon stick.

Divide fruit mixture evenly into four dessert dishes. Garnish with toasted coconut.

Makes 4 servings.

Tip: To toast coconut, place 2 tablespoons flaked coconut in 1-cup glass measuring cup. Microwave at HIGH (100 percent power) 1½ to 2 minutes, or until light brown; stir every 30 seconds.

Ladies Auxiliary To VFW Entertain At Heritage Hall

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Agawam VFW 1632 were among the many singing Christmas carols and distributing gifts recently. The Auxiliary chose the Heritage Hall Nursing Home to sing carols, Sunday, December 13th, and distributed miscellaneous toilet sundries. Also, small American flags were given to the potients.

Hospital work and Americanism are only two of the many programs under National and Department of Massachusetts Ladies Auxiliaries to VFW. Three members of the Junior Girls Unit accompanied the Auxiliary.

On Friday, December 18th, Agawam VFW and Auxiliary are hosting the Annual Christmas Party at Holyoke Soldiers' Home, along with District 7 and Chicopee Post 625 and Auxiliary.

Over 150 small fruit baskets will be made up December 17th for gifts (wrapped at Chicopee VFW 625 by Agawam Ladies Auxiliary and Chicopee Post 625 and Auxiliary).

Pearl Plouffe is representative at the Soldiers' Home. Pat Langelier is deputy, as is Rita Shea (also president of Agawam Ladies Auxiliary).

Robert Guevin, commander of Agawam VFW, is also District 7 commander.

Pancake Breakfast At Masonic Temple Dec. 20th

Mount Elm Chapter, Order of DeMolay is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, December 20th, from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m., at the Masonic Temple, 732 Elm Street, West Springfield.

Ticket price is $3 and the menu consists of delicious pancakes hot off the grill, sausages, juice, and coffee.

Please join us! These hard working young men would really appreciate your support.

WE DON'T Publish...

As has been the custom for the past seven years, *The Advertiser News* will not PUBLISH between Christmas and New Year's. Following our next edition for Christmas week, we'll see you next year on Thursday, January 7th. The office will only be open during the holiday week in the early-morning. Leave a message on our answering service so we can get back to you as soon as we possibly can.

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A Combination Of Parent Mid-Life Crisis & Adolescent Identity Can Bring A Clash Of Wills

by Dr. Warren F. Schumacher
associate professor
University of Massachusetts

It's easy for the adult generation to criticize the behavior of young people. **"These crazy kids drive me up a wall—booze and drugs, rock concerts and MTV...challenge authority, no respect for God or country...stay out half the night and drop out of school..."**

Adolescents respond by looking at the adult world and saying, **"Who needs it! They didn't do such a hot job—it's a dog eat dog world with people stepping all over each other...acid rain and nuclear war. Dad's always bitching about the rent or mortgage. Mom hates her job. They are always fighting; probably they will split like so many of their friends in their forties."**

What's going on? Teens are searching for their identity—I've got to be me. I'm special. Adults are going through a mid-life crisis wondering—Is this all there is? There are two separate crises. If they were working themselves out separately, each would be difficult enough, but they don't exist separately in the family. Usually, the identity crisis of the adolescent is running headlong into the mid-life crisis of at least one parent. And together they form a storm of dangerous proportions.

For many young people, the daily life of a teenager is painful. They need to deal with the pressure to "make it with their peers." It's hard to say **NO** when others are pushing sex and drugs. Make the grade, make out, make up, make the bread—the demands build and the feeling of inadequacy is countered by denying reality: 'It couldn't happen to me."

But there are so many powerful threats out there—no job, nuclear destruction, family instability, older kids, angry parents, college entrance exams, the opposite sex...

For many adults, the daily life of a parent is painful. They need to deal with those feelings of stagnation—stuck in a dead-end job, unable to take the risk of moving because of the economic scene. "If only..." The grass begins to look greener in someone else's pasture—bitterness, envy, and jealousy set in.

Pushed to the wall, they have to admit to themselves that more years of their lives have past than there are years left before death. Many mistakes have been made and there is much to forgive.

If the family is going through a stormy time, two sets of clouds are coming together. It's a much more healthy perspective to appreciate that **BOTH** the adolescent **AND** the parent are locked into their own low pressure system. If each can admit that within their own special world there are pressures and problems, that makes it harder to push all the blame for the rotten weather on the other.

The thunder and lightning, the rain and the hail are the result of each storm system bouncing off of one another; it's not the fault of one or the other, but the result of both coming together at the same moment in time.

Come on in out of the fog! Parents and adolescents need to try to share the responsibility for the impasse in communication. If you're driving the other crazy, stop placing all the blame on the other. Take a quick look at what you do when you try to sit down at the kitchen table and talk about something important. Be honest with yourself. What do you typically do? Give yourself a 1, 2 or 3 for each of the following—1 if you almost never do it, 2 if you do it sometimes, and 3 if you do it very often:

1) **Say** what you would be willing to do to improve the situation.
2) **Challenge** the other person's facts so that you can prove he's wrong.
3) **Try to shut** up and listen.
4) **Push harder** for your own point of view.
5) **Talk about** what you really think and feel without trying to manipulate.
6) **Get quiet..."Oh, forget it"...angrily withdraw from the conversation.**
7) **Admit that maybe you** did contribute to the conflict.
8) **Blame** the other person.

Now, first look at the odd numbered statements (1, 3, 5, 7)—add up your score: that's **STRAIGHT TALK.** Now, look at the even numbered statements (2, 4, 6, 8)— add up your score: that's **CONTROL TALK.**

If you score higher on the control talk, maybe you refuse to appreciate that the conflict and crisis within you is contributing to this family conflict. Work at trying to use straight talk more frequently; try to listen; admit your own feelings and come up with some changes in your own attitude.

Nothing is ever simple in family relationships. There are two sides to every story. The identity crisis of the adolescent and the mid-life crisis of the parent both contribute to the problem.

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For Your Health - continued...

Potpourri Of General Questions About Taking Good Care Of Your Eyes

by Dr. Richard W. Gallerani
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The following is a potpourri of general questions that I regularly receive during eye examinations.

What are those black spots that I see floating by my eyes?

The black spots, called flooters, are located in the vitreous, the jelly-like substance which makes up most of the eye's volume. Everyone has some floaters. Early in life, birth to age 20, the most likely cause of the flooters is the remnants of the hyaloid artery.

The artery supplies the lens of the eye but drops off before birth. Between ages 30-50, the floaters can be caused by coalesing of the collagen fibrils which make up the vitreous. The fibrils float by in the remaining lakes of water, called lacunae. Between ages 50-70, floaters can be caused by the collapse of the vitreous, called a posterior vitreous detachment. These are all normal, natural, and age-related causes of flooters. These are benign and require no treatment.

However, flooters can indicate a problem with the retina. The vitreous is attached to the retina in some locations.

If the vitreous degeneration is associated with a retinal degeneration, flooters can indicate retinal problems such as a hole, tear or detachment, especially if accompanied by flashing lights. A sudden shower of floaters should be evaluated, especially in a diabetic where the floaters could be blood in the vitreous. Floaters or floaters with flashes should be evaluated with a dilated fundus examination.

If a child is to achieve 20/20 vision and normal depth perception, it must be achieved by age six to seven. If there is a high prescription, astigmatism, different prescriptions between the two eyes or an eye turn (strabismus), they must be corrected by age six since all of these can cause amblyopia or "lazy eye."

Obviously, the sooner these are detected, the soaner they can be helped. School screenings often do nat begin until age five or six, which is nearly too late to help. Therefore, I will see a child as early as three to four, sooner if there is o noticeable problem. Many problems can be diagnosed and treated, even if the child cannot read the chart.

Why do I see worse at night?

There are three reasons why everyone sees worse at night. The doytime (or photopic) vision, which has the best acuity, is partially shut-off and the night-time (scotopic) vision takes over. Scotopic vision has poorer acuity than photopic.

Second, the pupil dilates to allow more light to the retina. As a result, more stray light can enter the eye causing a poorer retinal image.

Thirdly, when there is less detail to focus upon at night, the accomodative or focusing mechanism drifts towards nearsightedness, adding to the blur. These last two causes will particularly aggravate someone whose eyeglass prescription is not up to date.

Another contributing cause of night-time blur in individuals over 40 is the increase in glare sensitivity that accompanies middle age, possibly due to changes in the lens of the eye.

How often should I have my eyes examined?

The interval between eye examinations will differ for age groups and with eye health: **Children birth to 12 with healthy eyes—1 to 1½ years; children with eye turns, amblyopia, converging or focusing problems—4 months to 1 year; teens to 20 with healthy eyes—1 to 2 years; contact lens patients should be seen every year since contacts increase the risk of allergic reactions, infections, and prescription changes; 20-40 with healthy eyes—1½ to 2 years; 40-50 bifocal age with most rapid changes—1 to 1½ years; 50-65 with healthy eyes—1½ to 2 years; 50-65 with cataract changes, macular changes—6 months to 1 year; and 65-100 plus—6 months to 1 year.**

Do visual screenings by the schools or pediatricians diagnose all eye problems?

Unfortunately, no. While these screenings are to be commended for the many eye problems that they do detect, they are primarily designed to uncover refractive problems.

Eye pathology, small eye turns, problems with focusing, converging or diverging the eyes, or small prescriptions can go undiagnosed. There is no substitute for a full eye examination. 20/20 vision on a screening does not tell very much about the eves' overall function.

Can stress affect the eyes?

Yes. Stress can affect the eyes in a number of different ways. In adults it can result in a general eye fatigue with some headaches around the eyes. If very severe, emotions or stress can result in decreased visual acuity and a loss of side vision. This condition is called hysterical or nonfunctional amblyopia.

While eye health is completely normal, vision is definitely reduced.

While the condition can be diagnased by an eye care professional, the treatment is counseling with a psychologist or psychiatrist to treat the underlying causes of the emotional difficulty. Vision usually returns to normal after treatment.

New Cancer Support Group Being Formed At Providence Hospital

A new Cancer Support Group has been formed at Providence Hospital, according to Mary Dobek, R.N., oncology nurse.

"As part of Providence Hospital's continuing commitment to the community, a psychologist directed support group has been established for cancer patients and/or their families. Through professional counseling and education, the group will address the anxieties and fears often associated with the diagnosis of cancer," Ms. Dobek said.

According to Ms. Dobek, "Because of the benefits to be gained from others with similar experiences, the support group is separated from one another into two groups, one for patients, one for family."

The groups will meet weekly and the meetings last about an hour. Costs for the program would be billed to insurance companies where possible.

For more information, contact Ms. Dabek at the haspital, 539-2918.

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Americans Support Separate Smoking Areas

Two thirds of Americans (67 percent), smokers and nonsmokers alike, now prefer separate smoking areas in hotels and motels both nationally and statewide, according to a survey conducted for the American Lung Association—the Christmas Seal People. This figure has jumped a striking 13 percentage points since 1983, the last time the question was asked, the ALA said.

The 1987 survey, which was released at the winter meeting of the ALA Board of Directors, found that 61 percent of **current smokers,** 68 percent of **nonsmokers,** and 72 percent of **former smokers** all preferred that hotels and motels designate smoking and nonsmoking areas.

"The American Lung Association is seeing a growing number of companies responding to this demand for smoke-free accommodations wherever Americans travel," said Lily Smith, program director for the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts.

"We are particularly pleased that a majority of smokers themselves want separate smoking areas," Smith said. "Smokers are becoming increasingly concerned about the health hazards their tobacco smoke poses to their nonsmoking families, friends, coworkers, and neighbors."

She added that the ALA survey also reflects the growing social movement for nonsmokers' rights legislation. "Just since 1983, we see that more Americans are willing to accept restrictians on smoking in public places," she said.

When it comes to eating out, Americans also favor separate smoking and nonsmoking areas—**smokers** most of all. Seventy-nine percent of **current smokers,** and 71 percent of **nonsmokers,** and 74 percent of **former smokers,** think restaurants should set aside separate areas for smoking and nonsmoking.

The ALA survey, conducted in June 1987 by the Gallup Organization through personal interviews with a national rondom sample af 2,059 adults over age 18, also showed that:

***77 percent of Americans** agree smokers should refrain from smoking in the presence of nonsmokers.

***Individuals most likely to be former smokers are:**

—**men** (42 percent)
—**business executives** (37 percent)
—**manual laborers** (37 percent)
—**those aged 50** and older (36 percent)

***87 percent of Americans** believe companies should either restrict smoking in the workplace or ban it altogether.

The American Lung Association is the oldest nationwide voluntary health agency in the United States. Originally founded in 1904 to combat tuberculosis, today the association is dedicated to the prevention, cure and control of all lung diseases, and some of their related causes, including smoking, air pollution, and occupational lung hazards.

S.T.A.R.T. Exercising...

by Patrick Cawley
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DEAR S.T.A.R.T.:
I was recently diagnosed as having a carpal tunnel syndrome at my wrist. Could you explain what caused this and what can be done to get it better?

Painful Cuffs

DEAR CUFFS:
Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS) has become a frequently reported injury in recent years, ranking up there with back injuries. CTS develops at the wrist as a narrowing of the passageway for nerves, blood vessels, and tendons which supply the hands.

Usually, there is a fleeting sensation of pain and numbness that occurs during or just after sleep. Shaking or dangling the hands will typically relieve some of those feelings. In some cases, the compression may progress to cause a loss of grip, dropping things, and pain takes a longer time to go away with a persistent numbing sensation. There is also a complaint of increasing sensitivity to cold temperatures that may cause a temporary loss of circulation in the fingers. This is called Raynaud's Syndrome (in medical terms), and is a common syndrome in the occurrence of CTS.

Recent studies have suggested that a low frequency vibration (40-60 Hz) in the home or work place may cause an increase in swelling of the narrowed wrist compartment. Bending the wrists will tend to compress the swelling on those nerves and blood vessels causing pain and numbness. Over a period of time, muscle weakness and atrophy will result causing a weak grip for holding onto things.

In the early stages, eliminating or buffering the vibration source can reduce a significant amount of discomfort. However, later stages may require medication or surgery to alleviate the pressure at the wrist. Physical therapy can help in reducing the pain by using massage, ice, or mild electrical nerve and muscle stimulation. It is also important to regain strength of those small muscles of the hand.

Physical therapy can be great help following surgery to return the wrist and hand to normal strength and joint range of motion. That way, you can return to your regular activities of daily living, pain-free, and with the strength to do them safely.

La Leche League Offers Breastfeeding Advice

Where should a new mother go for advice about breastfeeding? According to a recent survey, many doctors, childbirth educators, and nurses recommend that mothers turn to La Leche League.

The survey, conducted by an independent research firm and sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, revealed that nearly all the physicians who participated in the survey were highly in favor of breastfeeding. Most recommended that mothers nurse their babies for at least nineteen weeks. Forty-two percent of the pediatricians included in the sample suggested that mothers breastfeed their babies "as long as possible."

If you are considering breastfeeding, the best time to become informed is before the birth of your baby. The third of a series of four meetings will be held December 21st, at 8:00 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield. "Meeting The Challenges Of Breastfeeding" will be topic discussed.

The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding. For further information, call Pat, 737-9993, or Jeanne, 739-7923.

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The program also investigates the ancient traditions of celebration surrounding the winter solstice, many of which have given rise to modern Christmas customs.

In addition to the holiday program, the planetarium's 50th anniversary show, *A Celestial Celebration,* can be seen at 2:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday afternoons, throughout the month.

Planetarium tickets are $1 for adults and 50 cents for children. Children under six are not admitted to the planetarium.

The Science Museum is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association, a private non-profit organization. The museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Hours are Tuesday to Sunday, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. For information, please call the museum, 733-1194.

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Longmeadow Square Dancers To Hold Dance December 19th

The next regular dance of the Longmeadow Square Dance Club will be held Saturday, December 19th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Williams Middle School, Woolworth Street off Bliss Road, Longmeodow.

Red Bates will be calling, and Rita & George Taravella will cue the rounds.

All square dancers are most welcome.

For further information, call Russ & Eloise Hoekstra, 567-5295.

Agawam Lions Club Urges Support Of Blood Drive

The Agawam Lions Club asks townsfolk to be their guest for a fine pancake breakfast, Sunday, December 20th, at the Annual Gift of Life Blood Drive at the Springfield Donar Center, 235 Chestnut Street, Springfield, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

—*Flowers in the Attic: 1 STAR*

Bosed,on V.C. Andrews' 1979 novel of the same title, this low-quolity thriller tells the story of four children whose lives turn into a nightmarish existence when their widowed and destitute mother (Victoria Tennant) packs them up and decides to return to a spooky mansian that was once her home and is run by her psychotic, Bible-thumping mother (Louise Fletcher).

The best and most unique thing about *Flowers in the Attic* is that it is one of the tamest horror films in recent years. Hordly a drop of blood is spilled throughout the course of its story, the violence is kept to a minimum, and yet, the picture manages to create a certain amount of creepy, Gothic-like suspense.

On the whole, however, *Flowers in the Attic* is a pretty shoddy piece of cinema. The plot is monotonous and preposterous, the characters lack credibility and motivotion, and the octing is mediocre at best and laughable at worst.

Though I cannot comment upon Andrews' talent as an author since I have not read *Flowers in the Attic*, I can say that the people who've churned out this movie won't have to worry about writing any acceptance speeches for next spring's Academy Awards ceremony.

—*Planes, Trains and Automobiles: 2 STARS*

A mediocre comedy about a stuffy, New York advertising executive (Steve Martin) who, while on a trip to Chicago for Thanksgiving, undergoes a variety of mishaps that hinder his efforts to get to his destination on time, and winds up travelling with a pestering yet good-hearted salesman (John Candy).

Written, produced, and directed by John Hughes *(Ferris Bueller's Day Off)*, *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* is a one-note farce which grows tedious after a while. It derives much of its repetitious humor from comical and sometimes ludicrous complications which arise from the problems of different forms of transportation during a holiday season, and how two unlikely travelling partners can overcome their personality differences and become good friends while being plagued by these complications.

But, despite the sameness of most of its jokes, the film does deserve a mild recommendation for the fine performances of its two stars. In *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*, Martin *(Roxanne)* turns in a delightful portrayal of an uptight individual who's forced to "lighten up" as a result of getting to know Candy's easygoing character and enduring an unbelievably hectic and problematic case of holiday journeying.

Candy *(Spaceballs)*, meanwhile, is equally funny and memorable as a basically nice guy who's amiable qualities are offset by some obnoxious traits and a tendency to talk too much. In addition, this actor conveys some poignant emotion during the picture's serious moments, thereby proving that he is just as skillful with drama as he is with comedy.

—*Three Men and a Baby: 2½ STARS*

An Americanized version of a French comedy titled *Three Men and a Cradle*, this well-acted but generolly so-so movie deals with a trio of bochelor roommotes (Tom Selleck, Steve Guttenberg, and Ted Danson) who are confronted with the responsibilities of parenthood when a six-month-old girl is left on their doorstep.

Three Men and a Baby brings to mind *Baby Boom*, another recent comedy wherein Dione Keaton portrays a yuppie businesswoman who inherits an infant and is forced to adjust to the lifestyle of a single mother.

However, while Keaton's film has a stroightforward storyline thot focuses on the trials and tribulations of taking care of a boby, this picture is hampered by an extraneous subplot which involves a pair of dimwitted drug pushers who are determined to get their hands on a supply of heroin that inadvertently wound up in the bachelors' oportment at the same time that the baby arrived.

Not only is this subplot not particularly funny in and of itself, but it fails to add anything to this humorous story about the difficulties that three grown men have when they try to take care of a baby's ever-pressing needs.

Still, *Three Men and a Baby* manages to provide some worthwhile entertainment. Director Leonard Nimoy *(Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home)* does as good of a job as possible with this lightweight materiol, and he elicits impressive performances from his three leading performers.

Guttenberg *(The Bedroom Window)* demonstrates once again that his talents as a comic actor are more noteworthy than his recurring role in the *Police Academy* flicks would lead us to believe, and Danson brings to the silver screen the same kind of amusing, roguish charm that he displays each week on the television sitcom *Cheers*.

Yet, it is Selleck who has benefitted the most from this movie and its popularity with our nation's filmgoing public. *Three Men and a Baby* is by no means an Oscar-worthy picture, but it is a far cry from the three box-office bombs which Selleck has previously starred in: *High Road to China*, *Lassiter*, and *Runaway*.

Moreover, the financial success of this comedy leads one to believe that he will, at long last, be able to make a career for himself in motion pictures once he finishes his long-running stint as *Magnum, P.I.* at the end of the current television season.

—*Wall Street: 4 STARS*

After focusing on the jungles of Vietnam in his Academy Award-winning drama *Platoon*, director Oliver Stone has now turned his attention to the bloodless yet nonetheless turbulent battles among the wheelers and dealers of the New York Stock Exchange.

In *Wall Street*, a young broker (Charlie Sheen) is anxious to earn fame and fortune for himself by buttering up a corporate tycoon (Michael Douglas) who is always anxious to make a killing on the stock market. However, this tycoon is not above going outside of the law to make money, and thus, he takes the young man under his wing ond uses him to get inside information that will give him an illegal edge over other wealthy investors.

Although the story in this film takes place in 1985, the recent upheaval in the stock market lends it an unintentional timeliness. But, even if this real-life event didn't coincide with its release, *Wall Street* would still draw a great deal of attention, for it is a first-rate follow-up to Stone's commercially successful and critically acclaimed *Platoon*.

This picture is taut, exciting, and an intelligent and critical examination of how financial power creates a consuming sense of greed in even the most honest and well-intentioned people. At the same time, Stone's remarkable proficiency in telling a story makes for a movie that is rich with compelling drama and well-drawn characters.

The acting in *Wall Street* is outstanding. Among the memorable supporting performers are Martin Sheen *(The Believers)*, Charlie's real-life dad, as the younger Sheen's blue-collar, on-screen father; Daryl Hannah *(Roxanne)* in the role of a shallow, materialistic young woman who'll be anyone's mistress for a price; and Terence Stamp *(Superman II)* as an enigmatic British tycoon.

In *Platoon*, Charlie Sheen eloquently portrayed a young infantryman who last a sense of innocence via his experience in Vietnam; now, in *Wall Street*, he most effectively depicts a similarly disenchanted character—a basically upstanding yuppie who is seduced by money and its accompanying power and learns the hard way that they are not everything that they are cracked up to be.

At the same time, Douglas *(Fatal Attraction)* delivers what I feel is his finest performance to date. In most of his films, he plays the heroic protagonist of the story; but, in *Wall Street*, Douglas portrays a malevolently ruthless businessman and brings him to life with much zest and credibility by exuding devilish charm and a cold-hearted sense of cunning.

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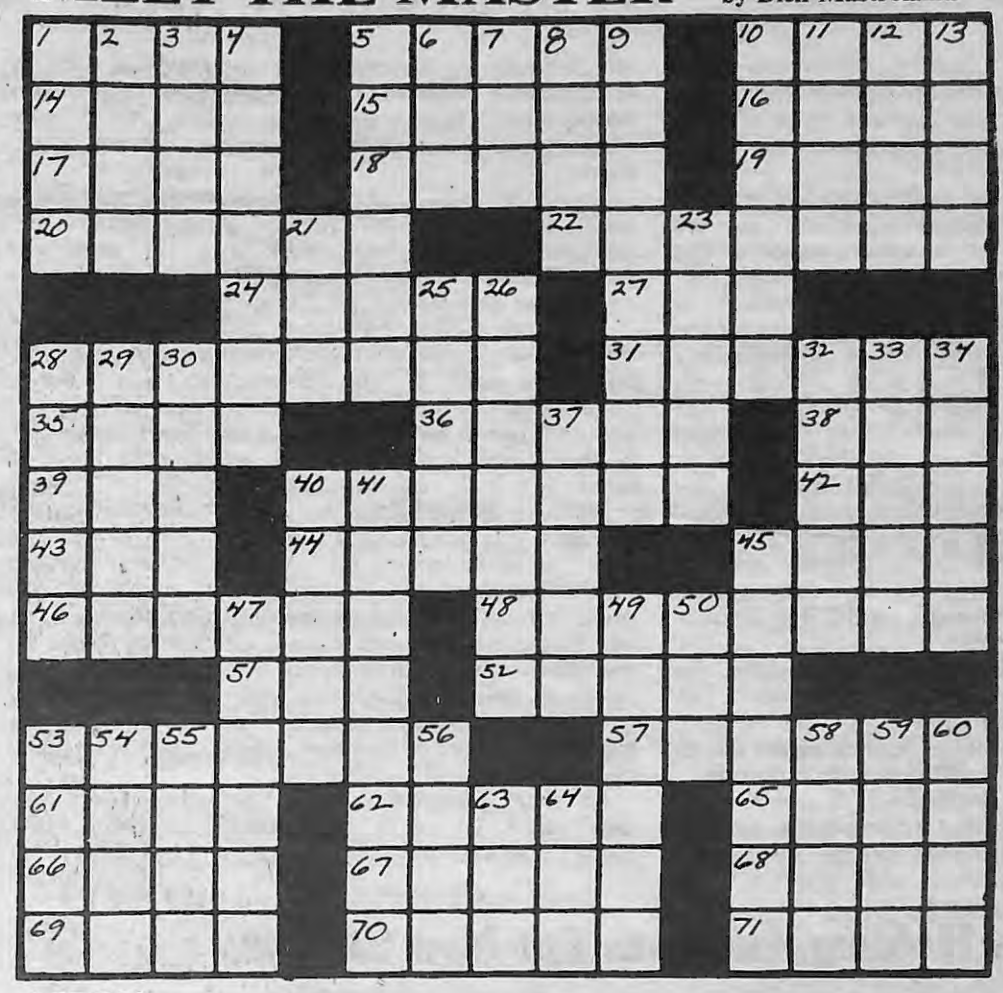
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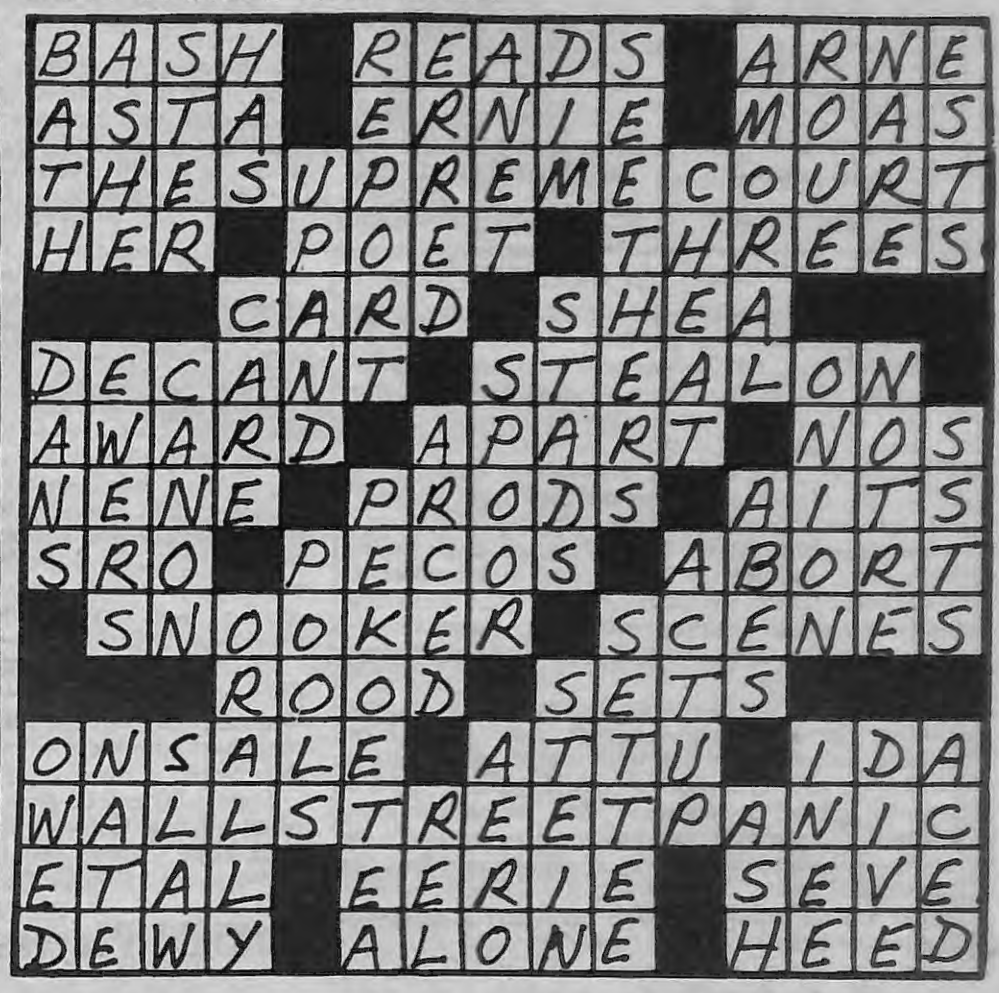
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Sacred Heart Choir To Perform "Song Of Christmas"

The Senior Choir of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will be performing a Christmas Cantata.

"Song Of Christmas," by R. and B. Hughes, is a celebration of the Birth of Christ in carols, Christmas songs, and Scripture.

This event will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Sunday, December 20th, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free. Coffee and desserts will be served in the Parish Center after the concert. This performance is open to the public.

PHILM REVIEW - From Page 38...

This is the kind of acting which has the word "Oscar" written all over it, and hopefully, it will, once and for all, dispel his still-persistent image as a lightweight performer among both the critics and the Hollywood industry.

***THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:**

—Flowers in the Attic: Rated PG-13 for some adult themes and suspenseful situations.

—Planes, Trains, and Automobiles: Rated R for strong profanity and some adult-oriented humor.

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The decor of the rooms and suites is New England Colonial. Some rooms have canopy beds—others have working fireplaces. If the weekend is to be "extra-special," reserving a room on Heritage row—the VIP floor—offers extra amenities. The rooms are more spacious and guests in these rooms have access to the very personalized service in a private lounge, the "Heritage Tavern." The tavern offers complimentary hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour and a delightful continental breakfast in the morning.

For sightseeing in the area, the hotel is located across the street from "Sturbridge Village," and there are many delightful shops and factory outlet stores for browsing (and buying).

There are several excellent restaurants in the area ranging from family style to elegant dining. To name a few—Rom's, the Publick House, Le Bearn (intimate atmosphere with French country cuisine), and the elegant Whistling Swan.

JOTS FROM JULIE:

To beat motion sickness, sit at the front of a bus, over the wings of an airplane, in the midship section of a cruise ship, facing forward on a train or in the driver's seat or front passenger's seat of a car. Traditional truth: Snacking and reading increase the odds of getting motion sickness.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Xmas Candlelight Concert At 1st Church

The Music Committee of the First Church on Court Square, Springfield, will present a **"Christmas Candlelight Concert,"** Sunday afternoon, December 20th, at 4:00 p.m.

This concert is part of the 1987-88 **Music At First Series** and provides an opportunity for the entire family to be part of a traditional Christmas celebration, which has been observed at First Church for over a century.

The glow of a candlelight processional with the singing of familiar carols will herald this concert by the Choir and Soloists of Old First Church. The program will be traditional and non-traditional Advent and Christmas music.

Charles Page, minister of Music at First Church, will direct and accompany the concert, as well as providing a prelude and postlude of seasonal music on the Aeolian-Skinner organ.

The First Church soloists are Deborah Trimble, soprano; Kirsten Shirer, alto; William Brackett, guest tenor; Ben Scranton, tenor; and Bruce Johnson, baritone.

The Christmas lights and decorations around the area make First Church a perfect setting for this celebration. This program of seasonal music will provide a time for relaxation and reflection so that we might better put into perspective the true significance of the celebration. Everyone will have an opportunity to sing carols with the choir.

This concert, which is open to the public with no admission charge, will be followed by a reception in the Latimer Room of the Parish House, giving everyone an opportunity to greet the participants.

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"Renaissance Revelry" At Museum Of Arts

"Renaissance Revelry," Sunday, December 20th, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., at the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts, will transport porticipants to a time of madrigal music and pogeantry, fortified castles and booming artistic creativity.

"This Something Every Sunday Program" will include a performance of Renaissance music by the Wilbraham Madrigal Chorus, a demonstration of egg tempera and gold-leaf painting, and a "perspective" drawing workshop. The museum's collection of Renaissance works will serve as a focal point for the day's activities, which will also include guided gallery walks and a film.

A vibrant mix of programs combining art, demonstrations, and live performances, **"Something Every Sunday"** runs from November through March. These free programs are sponsored this year by Coopers and Lybrand and the Massochusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, a state agency.

From 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., John Cheney and his wandering minstrels, dressed in full Renaissance regalia, will entertoin listeners with Renaissonce choral and instrumental music.

The Wilbrohom Modrigal Chorus is directed by John Cheney, a former music teacher in Langmeadow. His Renaissance men and women will fill the museum chambers with the merrymoking sounds of the era as they herald in the musical festivities with a parade.

From 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., artist Michoel Coblyn will lead a perspective drowing workshop. Coblyn, the director of the Herter Art Gallery at UMass/Amherst, will exploin and demonstrate the various types and methods used by Renaissance masters. Coblyn will give modern-day participants the chance to create their own Renaissance drawings in this hands-on art-making activity.

And from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., artist Frances Giampietro will give a demonstration of egg-tempera and gold-leaf painting techniques. She will show the painstaking procedures used by Renaissance artists to make their own points, inks, chalks and washes.

And from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m., and from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m., docent Tilli Walters of Springfield will give guided gallery walks through the museum's Renaissance collection.

A film about the beginning of the Renaissance will be shown from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m., and from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

Because of the winter holidays, **"Something Every Sunday"** will not be held December 27th or January 3rd. The series returns on Jonuary 10th with *Art and Exaltation: Jewish Celebrations.* This celebrotion of Jewish rituals will focus on the ongoing exhibition, **Art and Exaltation,** and will include celebratory music by the Wholesole Klezmer Band, a demonstrotion by a menoroh artisan, and gallery wolks and special talks.

The Springfield Art Museums also receive support from the Institute of Museum Services, a federal agency.

For more information obout **"Something Every Sunday,"** call 733-4214. All **"Something Every Sunday Programs"** are free and open to people of all ages.

Suffield Players Holding Auditions For New Staging

Suffield: The Suffield Players will be holding open ouditions for *"An Evening of Murder and Mystery,"* the group's winter show, Monday and Tuesday, December 14th and 15th, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at Mopleton Hall.

"An Evening of Murder and Mystery" will feature two plays: *"Sorry;, Wrong Number,"* the classic thriller by Lucille Fletcher; and *"Decidedly Deadly,"* an audience participation drama authored by three Suffield Players, Eugene Biggio, George Chartier, and Lyle W. Pearsons. The plays will be performed Thursday, March 3rd, and Fridays and Saturdays, Marc! and 5th, 11th and 12th, 18th and 19th.

The production will require 11 actors of varying ages, four women and seven men. The fast-paced evening of mayhem and intrique will be fun and o challenge. *"Sorry, Wrong Number"* will be the group's entry in the Annuol Connecticut Community Theatre Competition (ACT/CONN) in late March. In *"Decidedly Deadly,"* the actors remain in character both onstage and off, and at times may need to improvise.

"Jesus Christ Superstar" director Lyle Pearsons will be directing both plays. Audition scripts, copies of *"Sorry, Wrong Number,"* are now available at the Kent Memorial Library, 50 North Main Street, Suffield.

Auditions are open to everyone. For more information, please call Eugene Biggio, president, 668-2325. Mopleton Hall is located on Mopleton Avenue, Suffield.

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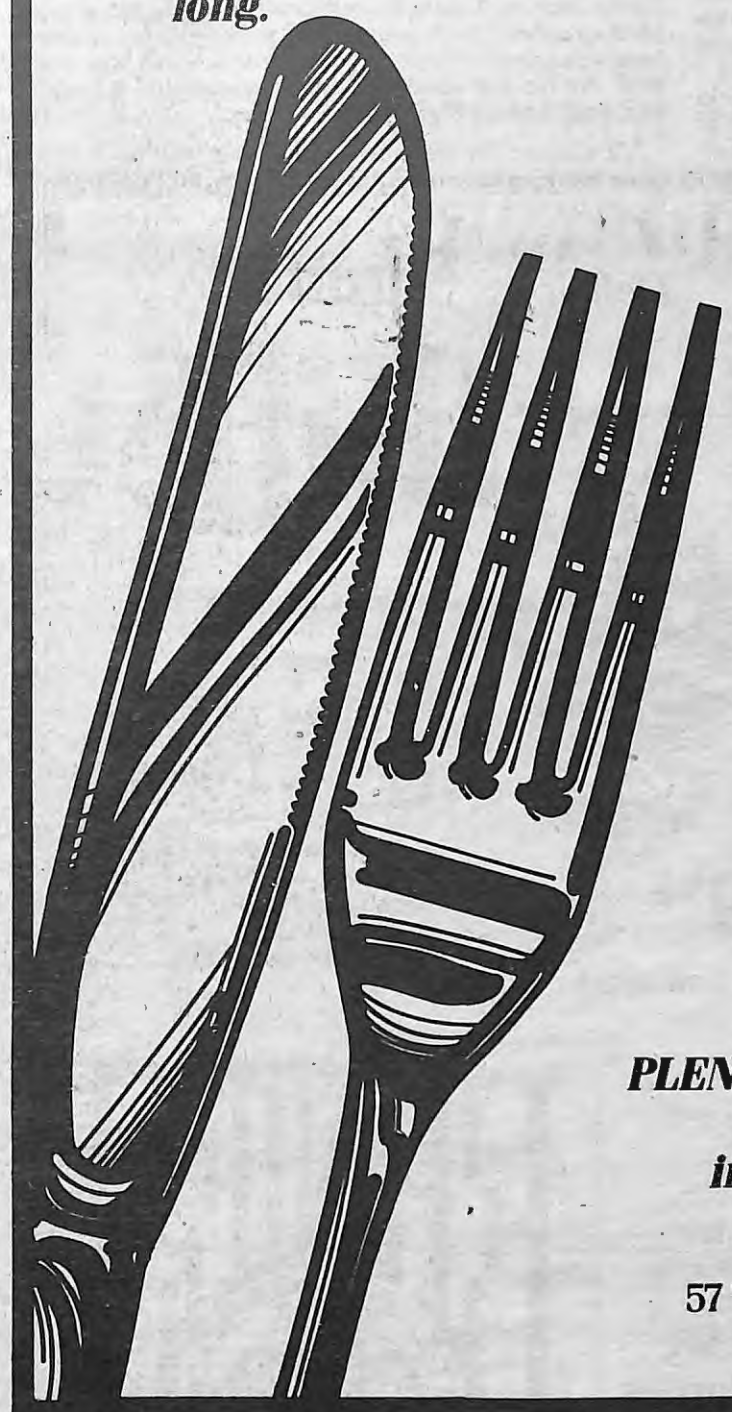
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Education

Latest Honor For AHS *Mirror* Staff: "All Columbian"

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The Agowam High School *MIRROR* has been the recipient of many honors and awards this year far the production of a newspaper by AHS students that is both professional and informative. The *MIRROR* was honored with "All Columbian" this year by the University of Columbia.

Staff advisor and teacher, Dorothy Martin, said, "The University of Columbia is the most prestigious journalism school in the United States, and we go by their guidelines to produce the paper."

Holyoke Community College presented the *MIRROR* with awards for "Best All-Around Newspaper," and "Best Sports Features and News Stories."

The *MIRROR* was also the Medalist Award winner, scoring 931 from a possible 1,000 points. Specific articles from the *MIRROR'S* submission will be entered this month to the Gold Circle Award. Eligibility far this award mandates that entrants be Medalist Award winners first.

The *MIRROR* is an actual class, too, made available to sophomores, juniors, and seniors at AHS. Editor-in-Chief Beth Regish said, "It is a very full course and a really big commitment, but it is a very informal atmosphere, too. 'Spot' (as the students affectionately refer to Mrs. Martin) has been known to tell us that come layout time, we should bring our sleeping bags and 'jammies'. We do actually stay until dinner many times, ordering a pizza which we share with the janitors.

"Our sales do not truly reflect our readers because purchased copies of the paper eventually make their way around the entire school; everyone reads us. The kids love the sports; but we also write about interesting topics and controversial subjects, the ones that make the news.

"We published the Hazelwood case and have been following it very closely because it may take away our right to publish controversial subjects," she concluded.

It is unfortunate there is not stronger support within the entire community on all levels for the *MIRROR* becouse it is run basically like any other business, largely from profit, said Mrs. Martin.

There is only a small fund set aside in the school budget for the class (approximately $3,000) and the paper is subsidized in part from community business ads. But these sales fail to meet the expenses of publishing monthly, which are closer to $7,000 per year.

"This class is on excellent opportunity for a group of students to learn to work together," said Mrs. Martin. "We do have access to AP information, but we do not have a phone. The class has only two typewriters available to them, one in need of repair at present, and they must share these with other students as well.

"We appeal to local organizations like Springfield Turnverein and the Polish American Club for some of the funds for our annual trip to the University of Columbia in New York City for the March conference. I think it's too bad that the students have to be responsible for these costs of the trip otherwise. I am a judge at Columbia and a speaker far the March convention. I feel this conference gives the students the impetus to go on to finish the year, and also, to start next year," added Mrs. Martin.

Linda Iacalo is the paper's managing editar. Other staff members include Robert Dintzner, editor of News; Gina Lewis, editor of Layout and Features; Jennifer Johnson and Kim Longo, Ad staff; Shelly Morris and Cindy Jachim, Sports Editors; and Keith Juzba, staff photographer. "Beth Regish (editor in chief) is a three-year veteran who is my right arm and is very competent. We have a wonderful business staff and ad staff this year," Mrs. Martin complimented.

To support her statement, Mrs. Martin said, "I was gone for 10 weeks in October and they published two issues an time without me."



***MIRROR* STAFF MEMBERS at Agawam High School. Back row - Jennifer Johnson, Kim Longto, and Pat O'Brien. Middle Row - Christine Schoenborn, Linda Iacolo, Mike Gravel, Advisor Dorothy Martin, Steve Lubarsky, Trinity Kagen, Shelly Morris, Cindy Jochim, and Charissa Cartello. Front row - Michelle Fitzgerald, Jen Daubney, Wendy Pudlo, Kristen Auger, Maureen Ciempa, Jennifer Maloni, Gina Lewis, and Beth Regish. MISSING: Robert Dintzner and Keith Juzba.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Jr. High Faculty Still Irate Over Heat -Cooling System

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The Agawam Junior High School has been the source of a number of construction problems over the last few years. With the onset of the 1987-88 school year, a new roof for the 15 year-old building was completed (sometime in October). Inside the building, wall-to-wall carpeting had to be reploced due to water damage from the original flat roof leakage.

On Monday, November 23rd, shortly thereafter, a tour was made through the schaol in response to teachers' complaints regarding the school's errotic heating and cooling system.

Principal Thomas O'Keefe, Superintendent James V. Bruno, Jr. and President of Agawam Education Association, Gail Dion, highlighted to Agawam Deputy Director of Building Maintenance, Anthony Albro, what teachers said "are terrible conditions to conduct classes in," and for which solutions must be sought.

At that time Mrs. Dion said, "It's the first time any interest has been expressed. We've been ignored until now, and we've been living with this too long."

The core of the problems seem to be in the central rooms of the second floor where classrooms lack windows. According to the teachers, the present system does not have proper air circulation in these roams and there is poor ventilotion. Added to that problem, when there is a malfunctioning in the system (and apparently even when there is not), the roams are either too cold or too hot.

Ninth grade teacher James Ryan's classroom has no windows and no direct door to the hallway. He explained, "We have two doors, one on either side of the room. If I open one (for ventilation), the students are distracted by the typing in that class. The other room has a mildew odor, which is not as bad now as it was in the warm weather, from the rug being wet when the roof leaked. I know the system is running because it makes noise, but there is na fresh air. So much moisture builds up in the room, that by the last period when I open the door, we have actually seen a mist fall."

Teacher Roger LeClerc's class (which also lacks windaws) has an individual thermostat directly below the system's unit. He said, "When the heat is on, the classroom is as hat as 85 degrees. I have to call down to the office to have them turn the unit on and off for heating or cooling. When the system blows cold air and the heat is off, it has gone down as law as 60 degrees."

Students have taken to wearing short-sleeved shirts under sweaters to school to compensate for the drastic temperature variations. Each class is 48 minutes long, and some teachers spend as many as six periods in these rooms, Mrs. Dion pointed out.

Director of Building Maintenance and Recreation Jack Kunasek responded, "The new roof has tightened things up. I'm sure it (having no windows in a room) does feel claustrophobic, giving you that closed-in feeling. But the rooms (central core) wouldn't be there if there wasn't proper air. Tony Albro has been up there constantly, trying to keep the system in good working condition. They say the present system is adequote."

Bruno told us, "Teachers are very frustrated. Teachers have been monitoring classroom temperatures for a week or more, and we just sent the results in a big package to Mr. Albro. He (Albro) really works hard for us and tries his best to stay an top of things.

"The heating system itself is electrical, and when it reaches the temperature set on the individual thermostats, it shuts itself off. The temperatures can vary quite a few degrees before the heating element begins to restort. It is nat as quick as oil or hot air and not very efficient for large areas, even when it is functioning praperly," added Bruno.

The five-year capitol improvement budget unveiled in April by Town Manager Reid S. Charles slates the schaol for a new $450,000 system through bonding. Kunasek said, "A different type of heating is definitely in the planning, but nothing has been decided yet. Last winter (1986) for January, February, and March, the electric bill was approximately $19,600 per month for this school."

Once a decision is made and a contractor hired after bidding "to convert the existing electrical system to oil (or hot air), it will be paid for over a two-year period," according to Assistant Superintendent Donald Charest.

"Since school maintenance is not the School Department's responsibility but has been placed under the town budget, Charest added, "We have no control over when we will get these problems corrected. We only put in the request (to the town) and then it is out of our hands."

Ryan, a long-time teacher, concluded, "The personal pride of the school seems to lessen as the chain of command enlarges."



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"Miss Agawam Pageant" - 1987









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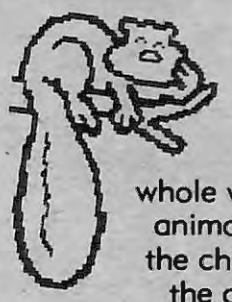
DECEMBER 17



Hi everyone. Were you able to name all the reindeer? There are really 9, if you include Rudloph on those very snowy nights. You can find the names in the book "The Night Before Christmas". Speaking of reindeer, they'll be coming in one week with a very special friend of their's and your's. See you next week.

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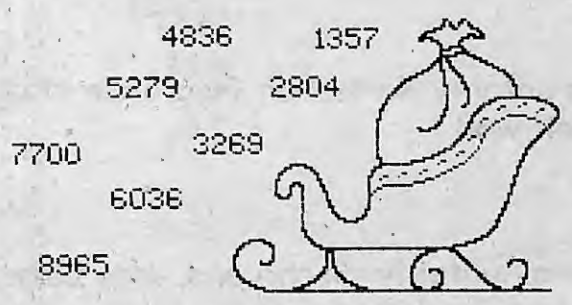
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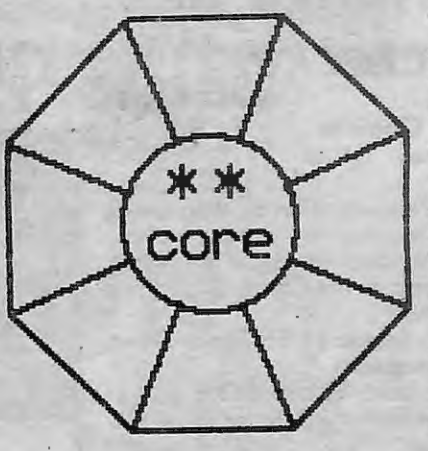
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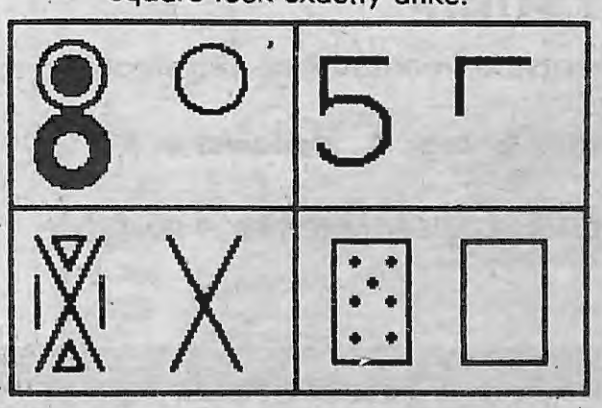
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THE CHIANCIOLA BOYS, Jared, 9, Brady, 5, and Cory, 11, all have parts in this weekend's *"The Nutcracker"* to be staged by the Berkshire Ballet at Symphony Hall. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Chianciola Family Heavily Involved In *"The Nutcracker"*

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Many of us wait in joyful anticipation for the coming of a performance of *"The Nutcracker"* during the holiday season, but we could not possibly equal the hopes, expectations, and excitement of the Chianciola family concerning this year's ballet.

Joe & Susan Chianciola reside at 96 Elmar Drive, Feeding Hills, with their three sons, Cary, 11, Jared, 9, and Brady, 5. Each of the boys has landed a part in *"The Nutcracker"* with the Berkshire Ballet to be performed Saturday, December 19th, at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., in Springfield Symphony Hall.

Bath Cory and Jared auditioned in October and have been rehearsing for 1½ hours every Sunday since. Last year, Cory played "Fritz" (cousin) in the same performance; he has the boy lead ("Fritz") this year. Jared will play the part of "The Brat" for his second consecutive year. Bath travelled to Framingham this year to perform; and Cory also went on tour to Lancaster, New Hampshire, for a three-day trip to play "Fritz."

Brady was placed into his part, "The Arabian Boy," to make this a family event. All three boys have done considerable modeling and fashion shows, according to Mrs. Chianciola, but have never taken dance lessons. She added that Brady has included a special "twist" to his silent part that was of his own invention, so he is proud of the way he rises, then circles, before he bows.

Perhaps being a preschooler at Montessori Children's House in West Springfield, where creative learning is stressed, has really made an impression on Brady, according to Mrs. Chianciola.

Cory, who is in the sixth grade at Agawam Middle School, commented, "There are a lot of Agawam kids in *"The Nutcracker"* cast this year." Granger Elementary School Principal James Loomis added, "My granddaughter Lindsey (Loomis) has a part in the ballet, too. If I'm not mistaken, she's the sugar plum fairy. I'm looking forward to the show this weekend."

On Monday of this week, Jared, who attends third grade at Granger School joined all the students in grades kindergarten through fourth (including an invitation to the afternoon kindergarten children) in a walk from Granger to the Agawam Junior High. They watched a modified adaptation of *"The Nutcracker"* performed by Dance Arts in the large auditorium.

The children were infatuated with the bold and lively music, as well as well-performed dance, as was evidenced by the total silence that enveloped the audience as the first note sounded when the curtains opened.

Our community can take pride in the fact that our talent stems to our youth. We wish Cary, Jared, and Brady (along with all the other members of the Berkshire Ballet) much success in their performances this coming weekend at Symphony Hall.

Postman Visits Perry Lane...



LETTER CARRIER BERNIE PAINE of the Agawam Post Office recently visited Perry Lane Nursery School at Perry Lane Park. Paine discussed the "Child Alert Program." Children in photo are Christina Brusco, Tara Swinicki, Megan Davis, and Matthew Pereira. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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WE FOUND IT: Paul Santanella and Tommy Perowicz each located Christmas gifts at the Agawam Middle School Christmas Bazaar. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, offers five family programs during Christmas Vacation Week.

Each hour-long program begins at 2:00 p.m., and is included in the price of sanctuary admission. Pre-registration is not required.

On Saturday, December 26th, is **"Animals In Winter."** Find out how the animal world copes with the rigors of winter. Search the sanctuary for signs of wildlife and meet one of our resident animals.

On Sunday, December 27th, is a **"Hike Along The Big River Loop."** Take part in a guided hike on a beautiful trail along the Scantic River and through the Red Pine Forest.

On Tuesday, December 29th, is **"Owls."** As the breeding season for great horned owls begins, learn the habits and calls of our local owls. You'll have the chance to see several species up clase.

On Wednesday, December 30th, is **"The Woods In Winter."** A walk through the sanctuary is highlighted by a search for signs of wildlife, traces of evergreen in mostly brown forest, ice sculptures, and if we're lucky, the perfect snowflake.

On Saturday, January 2nd, is **"Stories In The Storyteller's House."** Join us for the timeless toles of Thornton Burgess told in the cozy atmosphere of the storyteller's former home.

For further information, call Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, December 21st: Pepperoni pizza, buttered green beans, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, December 22nd: Hamburg in roll, sliced cheese, steamed rice, buttered mixed vegetables, mustard, relish, catsup, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday, December 23rd: Roast Tom Turkey, whipped potatoes, brown gravy, buttered peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, dinner roll with butter, ice cream, milk.

Raffle Tickets Still Available Through Education Foundation

Suffield: There's still time to take a chance on a 1988 red Chrysler Lebaron convertible, ar one of four other prizes, but you'd better hurry, because the drawing is Saturday, December 19th, at 12:00 noan, on the lawn of Suffield High School.

It's down to the final week to buy a raffle ticket for $50, and because only 600 tickets will be sold, the odds are in your favor.

The car is the grand prize, and other prizes include a camcorder, VCR, color TV, and dinner-for-two.

All proceeds from this raffle ore to benefit the Suffield Education Foundation. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to praviding the extras that are difficult to budget in the school system.

Teachers, guidance counselors, and other educators may apply for a grant, and when the foundation meets twice a month, they vote on whether ta approve the grant.

To buy a raffle ticket, see **Mark Autorino,** owner and operator of Mark Drug, or contact any member af the Suffield Education Foundation, 668-5905.

REMEMBER, THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO THE DRAWING AND YOU MIGHT HAVE THE WINNING TICKET!

Antique Dolls Comprise Nice Holiday Exhibit

The Springfield Science Museum is celebrating the holidays with a special exhibit of more than 200 antique dolls an disploy December 4th to 13th.

The 18th, 19th, and 20th century dolls represent a wide variety of styles, materials, and nationalities. Some were designed as playthings, while others served more lofty purposes and were sent from country to country as ambassadors of goodwill, sold to raise maney during wartime, imported to keep American women abreast of the latest European fashions, or used as fundraisers for the missionary effort in China.

The materiols used in the dolls include bisque, highly glazed china, tinted porcelain, painted canvas, papier-mache, wood, cloth, leather, and wax. Some have kid bodies, while others have metal hands and feet. Some wear wigs of real human hair, while others have elaborately-styled, painted coiffures.

Amang the rarest dolls on exhibit is a lovely papier-mache lady from Germany, (1850). She has delicate bamboo teeth and whot collectors call "flirty eyes" which do not open and close like many modern dolls, but flutter coquettishly from side to side. Another very special doll is a late 19th century Isannah Walker rag döll from Central Falls, Rhode Island. These one-of-a-kind originals represent the finest in American folk art and are highly prized by collectors.

French fashion dolls with exquisitely detailed costumes were brought to this country so American women could copy the latest styles. While preparing them for exhibit, experts Wilma Trepp and Holly Murray discovered that one has a smiling face on one side and a sleeping face on the other, an extremely rare feature.

Different cultures are represented by ethnic dolls from Mexico, Guotemala, Spain, and the Orient. Soldiers dressed in the uniforms of different countries were collected to support the Allied effort in World War I.

Little girls will immediately recognize "Lily," the rare German prototype who was used as the model for the popular teenaged doll, "Borbie." Other familiar faces include a mint condition Shirley Temple, a Steiff Santa Claus, Uncle Sam, and "Ginny" from the early 1950's.

Many of the dolls are arranged in settings with small scale furniture and accessories. Five doll houses will also be on display, including one portraying a family celebrating Chanukah.

In addition to the dolls, the museum will feature a display of model trains. The two exhibits are part of the Springfield Library and Museums Association's Olde Fashioned Holiday Celebration. One admission fee of $3.50 will cover entry into the holiday exhibits at the Science Museum, The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, and the Museum of Fine Arts.

Admission to the Science Museum only is $1 and covers both the dolls and the trains. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. For more information about the doll and train exhibits, please call the Science Museum, 733-1194.

Part-Time Military Service With Air Guard

Agawam High School seniors considering future part-time militory service should start processing now, according to TSgt. Val Melloni, a 1974 AHS graduate, who is a recruiter for the Air National Guard ot Barnes Airport in Westfield.

"With our free college tuition program for our members we are much better able to serve our applicants who apply now. Most want to complete the initial full-time training period and be ready to attend their free college program as soon after graduation as possible. If we have them all processed and ready to join early in their senior yeor, they will be first in line for enlistment opportunities as they occur. Many factors can delay the processing a few days and that time can be critical if we're racing the calendar," Sergeant Melloni said.

Training is guaranteed in writing prior to enlistment. Interested persons should contact the Air Guard recruiters, 568-9215.

Children Can Still Write To Santa Claus

Children in Agawam can write to Santa Claus in the North Pole via the Feeding Hills Post Office, in care of the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

Simply address your card or letter to Santa Claus, North Pole, Feeding Hills Post Office, 01030, Attention Agawam Junior Women's Club.

Members of the Junior Women's Club will help the Post Office get the kids' letters to Santa as quickly as possible. Please leave a return address on the card or letter.

Christmas is only one week away and Santa Claus is anxiously awaiting to hear from the kids of Agawam, so get your letter off, today!

EARLY DEADLINE NEXT WEEK

Our deadline for next week's edition is Sunday, December 20th, at 11:00 a.m. The building will be open all day on Saturday, December 19th, as well as until 7:00 p.m., Friday, December 18th. Call us if you have any questions. WE DO NOT publish between Christmas and New Year's Day.

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Danish Christmas Brought To Clark

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

At James Clark Elementary School, Janice Phillips' fourth grade class wos selected to decorate the showcase for the month of December. The class has adorned the display with unique haliday ornaments originating in tradition from Denmark.

The Danish Christmas decorations have made their way across the ocean and over the miles through the courtesy of exchange student Julie Skov. Julie orrived this August for a one-year stay in the United States ond has been attending Agawam High School os a senior. Her host-family is Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hollinger of Stony Hill Road in Feeding Hills (while she is here).

Kim Hollinger (Julie's host-sister ond a senior at AHS) introduced Julie to Jennifer Johnson who also attends AHS. Jennifer is a member of American Field Service (AFS), too, ond hos become good friends with Julie. She is planning a trip to Denmark when Julie returns to Denmark. She said, "I'm really going to miss Julie when she leaves, but at least I'll be able to visit her this summer in Denmark."

Mrs. Phillips met Julie through her godchild, Jennifer. She sow Julie making some homemade Danish ornaments at Jennifer's home one doy, and asked if her class might learn the art, too. Julie agreed to help the children create some of the crofts for their display.

Julie worked with a group of the fourth-grade students moking an intricate paper star from eight fine strips of white paper woven ond twisted to perfection. She barely had time to glance away from the constant checking of responses to, "Is this alright, Julie?" ond "Like this?" to say that she "will miss my family during the holidays, but I think it will be nice here, too."

Jennifer also assisted some of the children with another decoration that required some precision cutting to make trumpeting angels in many sizes. Finally, the third group of students worked with Mrs. Phillips, as resource aide Ms. Karen Madell looked on, to make hearts of blue and silver paper in a lattice style.

The children also learned some Danish to help spread good cheer, **"GLADELIG JUL,"** which means "Merry Christmas." The third letter of the first word resembles a capital "A" overlapped by a capital "E" that is not found in the alphabet of American usage.

Debra Ann Twarog Enrolls At The Culinary Institute

Debra Ann Twarog, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Twarog of Feeding Hills, began studies at The Culinary Institute of America November 9th, toward completion of a 21-month associate's degree program in food preparation and service.

She is a graduate of Agawam High School.

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For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message on his machine so he can return your call.

Stamp Collecting Winners At Robinson Park



FEEDING HILLS POST OFFICE OFFICER IN-CHARGE, Phil Girard, poses with the winners of the "Stamp Collecting Kit" at Robinson Park Elementary School. The kids received the kits for their coloring prowess. The kids in the photo are Mary Parrotta, Mark McEwan, Mathieu Perry, and Heather Cassidy. Missing: Caroline Scherpa. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bird Seed Sale At Laughing Brook Sanctuary

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, Hampden, is now accepting orders for their Mid-Winter Bird Seed Sale. All seed orders must be received and paid for by **Thursday, January 14th,** and picked up at Laughing Brook, **Saturday, January 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Order forms for the sale can be obtoined by calling or visiting the Sanctuary.

Laughing Brook offers a Mid-Winter Bird Seed Sale to assist people in feeding birds through the late spring when natural food supplies become more plentiful. Seed offered through this sale is of the highest quality. A variety of seeds are available, including a special Audubon Mix containing sunflower seeds, cracked corn, white millet, and peanut hearts.

Massachusetts Audubon bird seed customers have the added satisfaction that the proceeds from the sale help support the programs and upkeep of the 259 acre Wildlife Sanctuary. A limited amount of birdseed, as well as a variety of feeders and books on bird feeding, will be available at Laughing Brook throughout the winter season.

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Laughing Brook Sets Holiday Closing Schedule

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Sports

AHS Winter Sports Preview

AHS Grapplers Won't Duplicate Marvelous 1986-'87; This Year's Team Still Has "Right Stuff"

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Coming into the 1987-88 schoolboy wrestling season, the Agawam High boys' team has to realize one thing - chances of repeating last year's amazing success are slim - make that very slim.

This is not to say the Brownies can't make a strong run at defending their Western Mass. Division I title, but putting up the kind of numbers as last year's team did is a standard that the new team may find nearly impossible to achieve.

And the first person to realize this is coach Phil Tomkiel, who is at the helm for his 14th year.

"This is a brand new year," he says. "Last year was last year. We all have to set our minds ahead or we could be in danger. Needless to say, there are some very good teams in the area, so we have to be prepared for them. And you can bet they all want to knock us off the top of the mountain."

Still, the Brownies appear to have enough firepower to be the team to beat in Division I again this year. If the squad can avoid any key injuries, it will undoutedly be another banner campaign for AHS.

When looking back to last year, one must wonder if it really took place. The 1986-87 Brownies are the standard-bearers - that team was as close to being perfect as a team can get. Simply, those guys were awesome.

"Last year was different from day one," says Tomkiel, who now ranks as one of the most successful coaches ever at AHS (in any sport). "We were incredibly strong at every weight class and everything just fell together. The talent was immense, but the guys all worked their butts off to accomplish what they did.

"It was really a dream season. It was the finest team in the school's history. There may never be another team like it again," adds Tomkiel.

Last year's Brownies ran over everything in their path. They posted a 16-0 record and raised the Western Mass. Division I banner for the school. AHS held an astounding 65-4 margin in those 16 meets, finishing the winter with an incredible 980 points.

For anyone who knows anything about wrestling, that 980 figure is mind-baggling.

Another amazing stat from last year is that only one team managed to score more than nine points on the locals in a meet - it was Quabbin, the eventual Division II State Champs (15 points).

In winning the WMass crown, the Brownies boasted six individual winners, including Jim Pirro (114), Tom Cascio (135), Tony Langone (157), Tom King (169), Vinnie Pallotta (187), and Bob Altobelli (heavyweight). That's six individual champs on one team.

In taking the 16 straight meets, AHS is now riding a 27-meet winning streak, which started back in 1985. After losing the season's opener to Quabbin in 1985, the locals won their remaining 11 meets. Coupled with last year's 16 straight wins, the Brownies now have won 27 straight going into this season.

That's the longest winning streak in the school's history, in any sport. Ironically, the Brownies did not take the Division I title in either 1985 or 1986 (second place to Putnam Vocational).

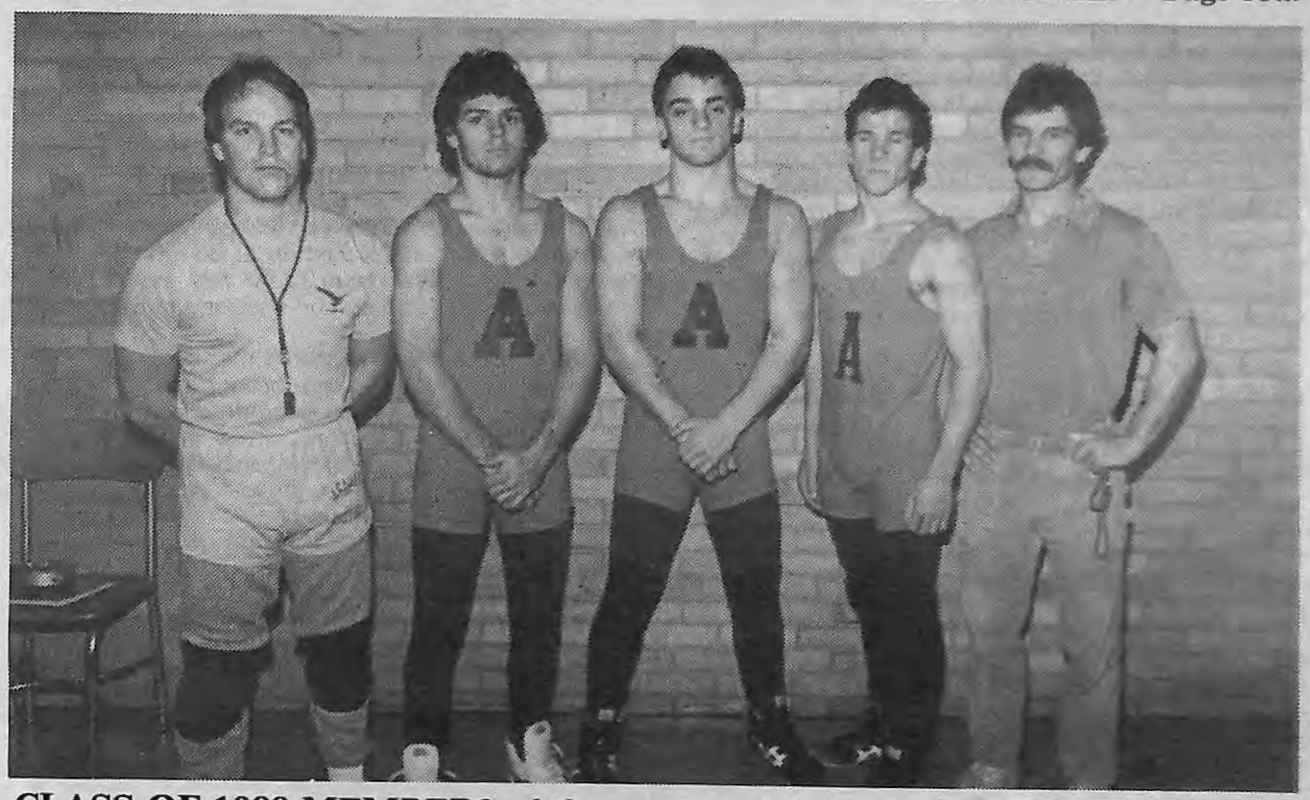
"The streak is nice but we can't think about it or it may have a negative effect on the team," quips Tomkiel. "We just have to take one meet at a time and give our best in each match."

Although the Brownies lost six starting wrestlers (Altobelli, Pallotta, King, Frasco, Gary Cerpovicz, and Bob Beaulieu), this year's team has 10 starters with vorsity experience, including five with WM Tournament experience. Overall, Tomkiel has 53 wrestlers to work with - not a bad position for any coach to be in.

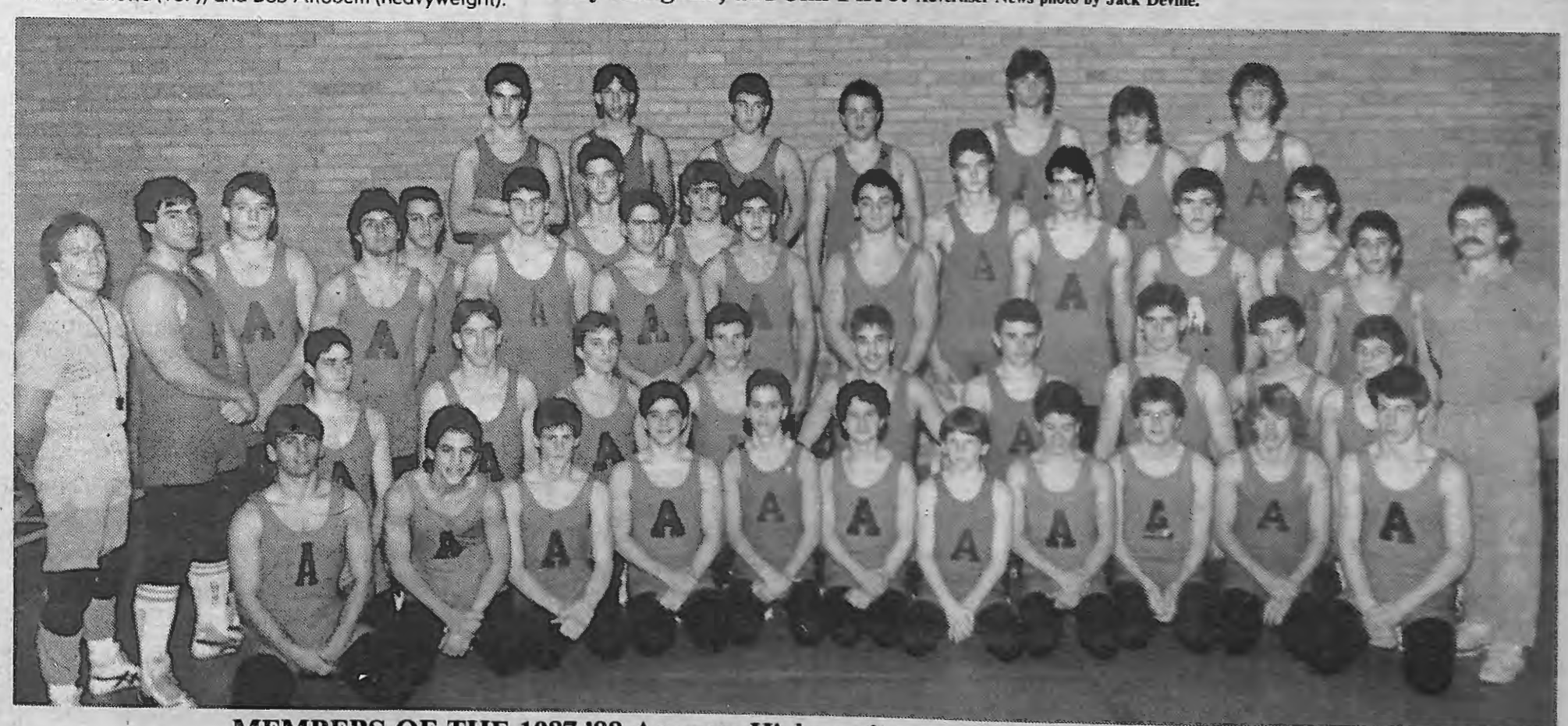
"All I can say about this season is that it should be interesting," notes the long-time coach. "The team looks very strong at this point, but it's hard to say much until we have a few official meets under our belts.

One of the changes in schoolboy wrestling that came to Mass. in the off-season was the addition of a 13th weight class (there was 12 last year). Instead of starting at 100 pounds, now teams will start at 103. Tomkiel has mixed feelings about the change.

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CLASS OF 1988 MEMBERS of the Agawam High varsity wrestling team with coaches Gary Geiger (left) and Phil Tomkiel (right). Grapplers are Tom Cascio, Tony Langone, and Jim Pirro. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE 1987-'88 Agawam High varsity wrestling team, with coaches Gary Geiger (assistant-left), and Phil Tomkiel (head-right). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AHS MATMEN - From Page 52...

The 13 starters at presstime for the Brownies are as follows: **Joe Walz (103), Mike Phelps (112), Charlie Webber (119), Jim Pirro (125), Bob McNamee (130), Tom Cascio (135), Alan Boucher (140), Mike Gasteyer (145), Bill Berte (152), Tony Langone (160), Jeff Retzler (171), Rich DiLullo (189), and Scott Mazza (heavyweight).**

Pirro, Cascio, and Langone are defending WM champs - and they are this year's tri-captains. They will lead the Brownies into a fairly balanced Division I lineup, which includes Putnam, Westfield, and Central looking solid.

Pirro, who finished second in the State Meet last year, has won two straight WM titles. In 1986, he took first in the 107-pound class. Last year, he won the 114-pound class. He will now seek his third straight title in the 125-pound class, and he'll be tough to beat.

Says Tomkiel, "Jim has been looking terrific so for. Realistically, I can't see anyone beating him this year. He looks that good."

Cascio, a fourth place finisher at the State Meet a year ago, is coming off a fine football season. He helped the Brownies to an 8-1-1 record.

Among the bright newcomers to the team are juniors Bob Podsialto (152) and Danny Felix (119). Sophomore Chad Blackak (171) joins the squad after a solid rookie season on the soccer team, and frosh Frank Demarinis (130) comes in after a super season on the freshman grid team.

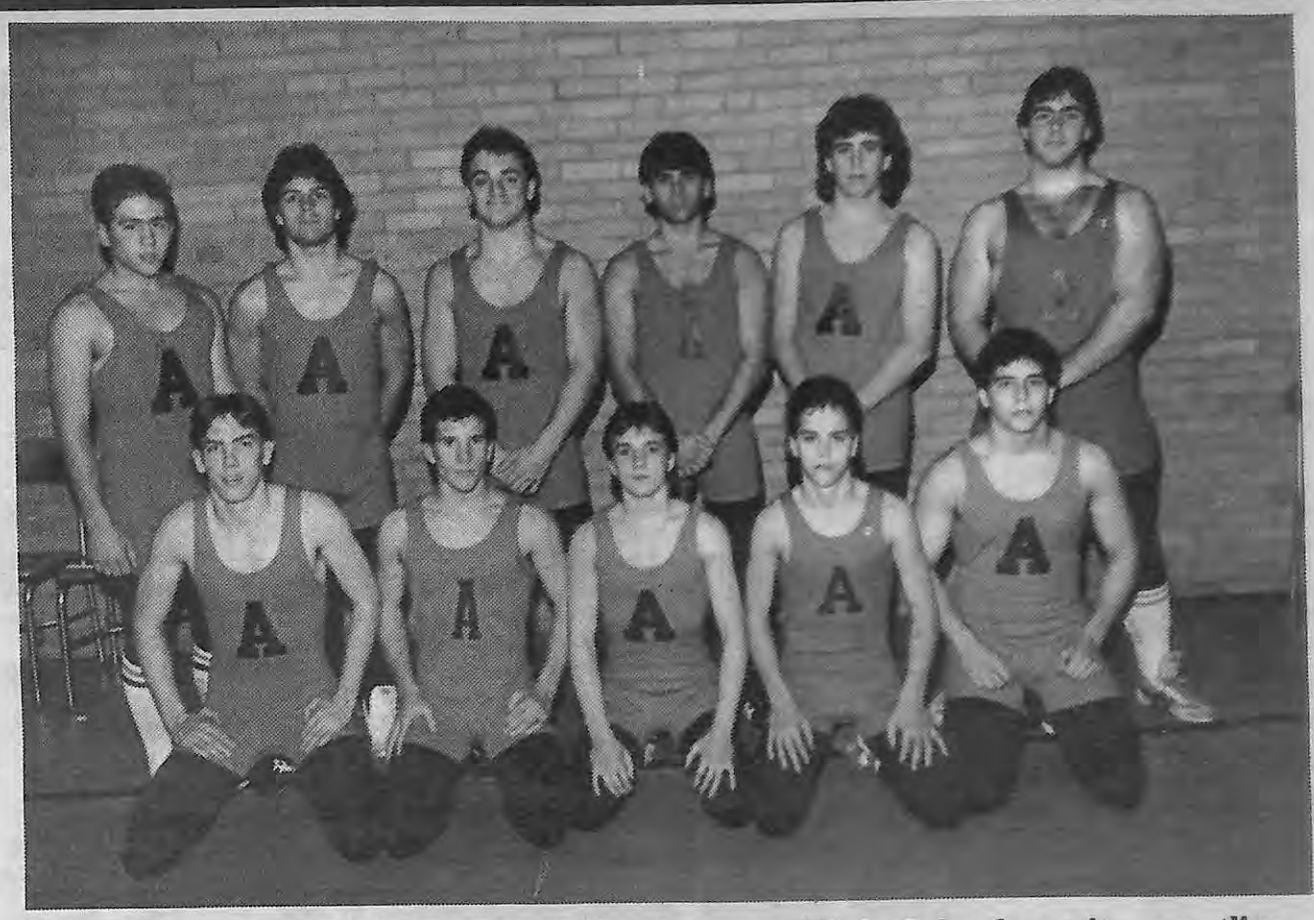
Tomkiel, a former 114-pound WM champ at the former Technical High School (late 1960's), will be assisted again by Gary Geiger, a 1979 AHS graduate. Geiger is also an assistant football coach at the school and has assisted Tomkiel for five years now.

The seasonal opener for the Brownies was a test right off the bat - Springfield Central, Wednesday, December 16th (presstime-away). They also go again Friday, December 18th vs. Longmeadow (home), before facing Frontier Regional, Wednesday, December 23rd (at Northampton).

CAPSULE PREVIEW:

COACH: Phil Tomkiel, 14th year

LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 16-0, Division I WM champs



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the Agawam High School varsity wrestling team. Standing - Tom Walz, Tom Cascio, Tony Langone, Chris Puskey, Jim Hebert, and Scott Mazza. Front row - Alan Boucher, Jim Pirro, Mike Phelps, Joe Walz, and Mike Gasteyer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

RETURNERS: Joe Walz, Mike Phelps, Charlie Webber, Jim Pirro, Bob McNamee, Tom Cascio, Alan Boucher, Mike Gasteyer, Bill Berte, Tony Langone, Jeff Retzler, Rich DiLullo, and Scott Mazza.

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Brownies Sextet To Be Severely Tested In '87-'88 In Defense Of Western Mass. Crown

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

After surprising the area by taking the WM Division II crown last year, the Agawam High hockey team will be facing a very tough challenge in 1987-88 - successfully defending their crown.

Although not impossible, the Brownies are competing in a balanced Berry Division this year, including perennial power Cathedral, and a resurgent program at West Springfield High School.

Coach Len Bruso is positive about the upcoming season and realizes that the team must concentrate on their own play, and not the opponents. He sees a few things as the keys to how successful this year will be.

"As long as we can stay away from injuries, we should be okay," says Bruso, now in his third year. "We'll just be trying to get to the post-season. And if we stay injury-free, it will be within reach. As for defending the title, well, that's just too far away to be thinking about at this point."

A year ago the Brownies defeated West Side in the title game in overtime, after trailing, 3-1 in the third period. The victory was the most dramatic in the school's tournament history in hockey.

The key to this year's success probably lies in the hands of three players. Not just three ordinary players, but three All-WM performers. It's obvious that in team sports that no one individual is bigger than the team, but these three guys must produce in big ways for the Brownies to be successful again.

The trio includes **Rick Parolo, Dennis Punch, and David Laudato**, names that all involved in schoolboy hockey in WM are familiar with by now. All three are quality players who will need to raise their games to even a higher level in 1987-88.

Parolo, a senior center and one of the highest scoring forwards ever in boys' soccer at the school, has amassed 84 total points in three previous years on the ice for AHS. As a frosh, Parolo scored 4 goals and 3 assists; as a sophomore, 19 goals and 18 assists; and last year, 21 goals and 19 assists.

Parolo also ended last year on the bottom of a huge pile - he tipped in the shot that gave AHS the WM title over West Side in that memorable overtime session. He's been in the top five in Berry Division scoring for the past two seasons, and shows no sign in letting-up his offensive assaults on opposing goalies.

"Ricky will be watched closely every game we play, but he'll still get his points," says Bruso. Parolo will probably be a leading candidate for the "Bassone Award" this season (league most valuable player).

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MEMBERS OF THE 1987-1988 Agawam High hockey team. Back row - Brendan Blake, Tom Greene, Dan Asselin, Rick Parolo, Dennis Purch, Steve Silva, and Dan Poggi. Second row - Coach Pete Sibilia, Chris Jarvis, Paul Karam, Mike Keeney, Dan Fugiel, Doug Asselin, Mike Passerini, and Coach Len Bruso. First row - Mike Shea, Kevin Davidson, Dave Laudato, Dave Noonan, and Craig Pinkerton. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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When you are talking schoolboy defense, you're talking (Dennis) Punch, who last year won the "Eddie Shore Award" as the best defenseman in WM. Although Punch is still recovering and slowed by a bout with mano, he will be a defensive force that opposing forwards will again have to deal with this year - he has an excellent chance of retaining his number one backline status in all of WM again this year.

Punch is a big reason why the Brownies only allowed a scant 34 goals in 19 games a year ago.

Says Bruso, "Dennis is not at his best now (due to the mono), but when he gets going, there's no one better in the area. He's one of those players you just can't replace."

The biggest reason for the locals allowing so few goals last year was they also possessed one of the best goalies in the area - (David) Laudato. As a sophomore, Laudato won 14 of the Brownies' 15 games in goal, and he possessed the best goals-against average in all of WM (2.33). He was a unanimous All-WM selection.

This past fall Laudato sharpened his skills by playing with the Springfield Olympics before missing the cut. If he has a bad schoolboy season, the Brownies could be in for it this winter.

"David is one of the best, if not the best goalie in the area, and he's perhaps the biggest key to our success this season," notes Bruso.

The Brownies shared the Berry Division title with Cathedral last year. This season, the locals will be looking to returners Paul Karam (senior-forward), juniors Steve Silva and Tom Greene (forwards), and sophomores Dan Asselin (forward), David Noonan (forward), and Brendan Blake (defense).

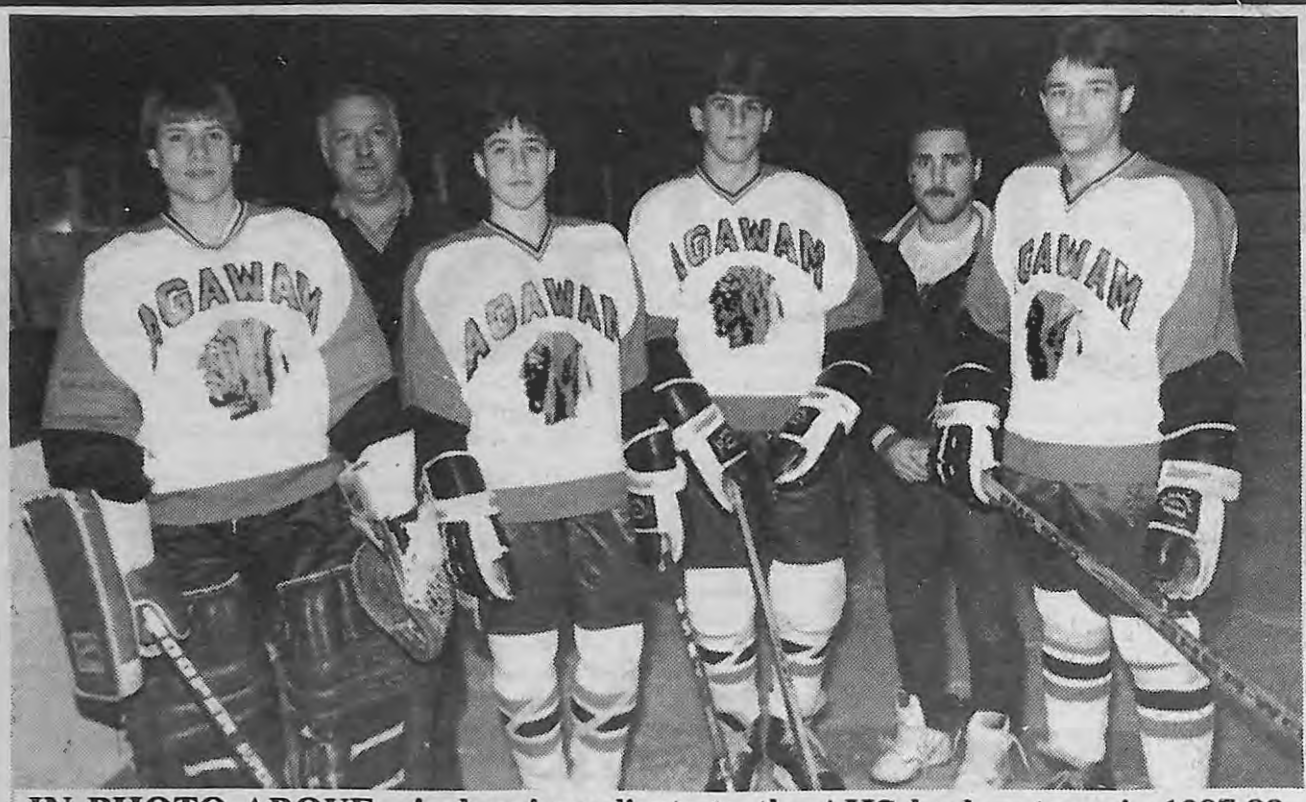
Newcomers that will solidify both the offense and defense are senior Dan Poggi, juniors Mike Passirini and Kevin Davidson, sophomores Mike Shea, Mike Keeney, and Chris Jarvis, and frosh Greg Pinkerton.

Despite losing four players to graduation (Tony Young, Scott Pearson, Dan Bryden, and Jim Laudato), the Brownies appear to have the talent to at least make the playoffs and give defense of their title a good run. But as Bruso again points out, "defending our title is still too far off to think about."

At presstime, the first line for the Brownies apears to be Parolo centering Asselin and Passirini. This group must put the puck in the net with consistency. With Parolo drawing much of the attention, this should open-up ice and opportunities for his linemates around the net.

The second line, which looked good in the preseason, consists of Karam (looked very strong), Greene, and Noonan. Karam, according to Bruso, has worked hard to become a fine hockey player. "Paul has been coming on strong and it looks like he'll be getting us some valuable points on offense."

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IN PHOTO ABOVE, six key ingredients to the AHS hockey team in 1987-88 -Dave Laduato, coach Len Bruso, Steve Silva, Rick Parolo, coach Pete Sibilia, and Dennis Punch. PHOTO BELOW, the team's senors - Paul Karam, Dan Poggi, Rick Parolo, and Dennis Punch. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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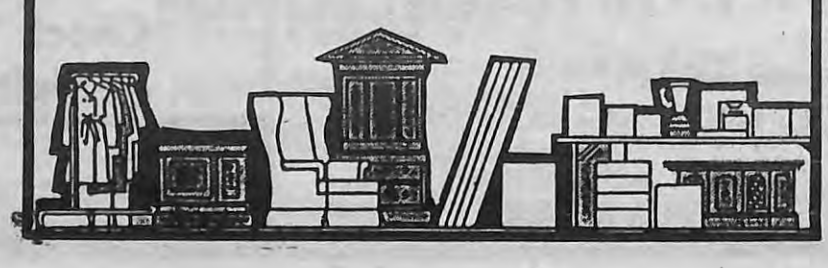
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Boys'-Girls Swim Teams At AHS Hoping For Calmer Waters This Year

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

With eight returners on the boys' team and 10 on the girls' side, the Agawam High swimming teams appear to be in much better shape this year to give area opponents a battle in the waters over the winter season.

Each team suffered rather rough and long campaigns a year ago, so both will be trying to improve on last season's record, as well as personal times.

On the boys' side, long-time coach Dave Smith has positive thoughts when talking about this year's team.

"I'm very optimistic about the season and the guys are, too," says Smith, now in his 17th year. "We compete in a tough division and we face a tough opponent just about every meet. The guys have been working hard to prepare for this season. It should be an interesting year for us."

Among the eight returners are senior tri-captains Shea Charles, John Welch, and Mike Wojcik. These three guys must perform well if the Brawnies have any inclinations of improving on last year's 3-11 record. n

Charles will be competing in the breast stroke, butterfly, and individual medley. The latter event (IM) is 200-yards, including 50 yards of each stroke (breost, butterfly, back, and freestyle).

Welch is the team's distance swimmer, including both the 200 and 500-yard events. Wojcik's speciolty is the sprints - 50 and 100-yards events.

Other returners who will contribute each meet are juniors Matt Morcinkiewicz (freestyle), Jason Krynicki (IM, butterfly, ond freestyle), ond Jimmie Menard (diving), and sophomores Patrick Nolan (diving), and Brian Shameklis (sprints).

The Brownies have six newcomers on this year's squod, including one guy leaving Smith wondering where he's been for the past few years - he's senior Steve Simmons, the school's fine soccer goalie from the past two years. Simmons will be diving this winter and looks like a good one.

Other newcomers include sophamore Chris Paltz (IM, breast stroke), and frosh Tony Bracci (IM, freestyle), Matt Dessereau (IM, breast), Phil Gaylor (diving), and Scott Russell (breast, free).

It appears the Brownies strength will be in the fact they have a strong performer in each event. But their major weakness, a perennial plaguing malady for the school's swim program, is depth. This will probably come back to haunt them in a close meet, or against a stranger team. The Brownies receive a FAIR outlook for 1987-88.

As for the girls' team, coach Laureen Mahoney has her mind set on what she would like to see her team accomplish this seasan - and she speaks very positive words.

"I'm really enthusiastic about this season," says the second-year coach, a Westfield native. "The girls hove been working well together. But it's tough to tell what they are capable of doing until we have a few meets behind us. I hove to see how the girls will respand to the pressure of official competition.

"All I can say for now is that winning is not the only thing we're cancerned with. It would be nice to see the teom give their best every time out and try to improve on their personal times," Miss Mahoney adds.

The Brownies lost three swimmers to graduation, but they have 10 returners and seven newcomers to give them the school's potentially strongest team in years.

Without doubt, AHS has one of the finest female swimmers in the area in senior Ann Llewellyn, a four-year member and a two-year captain. Llewellyn is coming off a successful junior campaign where she personally assaulted the school's record books in girls' swimming.

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MEMBERS OF THE AHS GIRLS' varsity swim team. Back row, from left - coach Laureen Mahoney, Judy Llewellyn, Diana Salce, Anne Llewellyn (captain), Melissa Wojcik, and Kim Christy. Second row - Anita David, Gina Vergnani, Katie Wright (captain), Becky Fisher, Chris David, Lisa Connery, Katie Allen, and Kerry Long. Front row - Michelle Desilets, Dottie Mazeika, Colleen Meagher (manager), Erika Fisher, and Linda Bouchard. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Looking at the upcoming season, Parola notes, "As long as we stay healthy, I think we'll have a good chance at repeating. We'll be very competitive because we do not want to give the title up to anyone without a fight."

Says Laudata, "We have some excellent talent on this squad. One of the big things for us is to believe in ourselves. Confidence can go a long way."

The team's 19-game season got underway at presstime, Wednesday, December 16th, vs. Ludlow.They will face-off vs. Amherst, Friday, December 18th, before facing Minnechaug, Tuesday, December 22nd. All the games will be played at the Eastern States Coliseum in West Springfield.

CAPSULE PREVIEW:

COACH: Len Bruso, third year
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 15-3-1, Berry Division co-champs, Western Mass. champs.
RETURNERS: Rick Parolo, Dennis Punch, Paul Karam, seniors; David Laudato, Steve Silva, Tom Greene, juniors; David Noonan, Dan Fugiel, Dan Asselin, and Brendan Blake, sophomores.
PROMISING NEWCOMERS: Dan Poggi, senior; Mike Passirini, junior; Mike Keeney, Mike Shea, Chris Jarvis, sophomores; and Greg Pinkerton, frosh.
STRENGTHS: Three returning All-WM players, one on offense, two on defense; defense.
WEAKNESSES: depth not good, inexperience at several key positions.
OUTLOOK: Good



THE DIVING TEAM for this year's Agawam High boys'/girls' varsity swim teams. Back row - Phil Gaylor, Jimmie Menard, and Steve Simmons. Front row - Becky Fisher and Anita David. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Last season, Llewellyn set three school records on her own and was part of two relay records with three teammates. She set records in the 200-yard freestyle (2:01.83), 500-yard freestyle (5:24.42), and the 100-yard backstroke (1:08.07). She also teamed with Tina Pirnie, Jennifer Scalise, and Judy Pignatore to set both the medley (2:08.30) and freestyle (4:07.68) relay records.

Not a bad year, eh?

What's more, Llewellyn is ranked in the top 10 academically in her class. This season she looks stronger than ever. She'll be participating in the 200 and 500-yard freestyles, backstroke, and the relays.

"Ann is everything a captain should be," says Miss Mahoney, a current student at Springfield College. "Ann is a strong motivator and she leads by example."

Other returners who will figure prominently in the scheme of things are seniors Lisa Connery (breast, 100 free), Christine David (50 and 100 free, relays), Becky Fisher (diving), and Katie Wright (breast, relays), who a fine athlete for the school.

Returning juniors are Kim Christy (200 and 500 free, relays), and Katie Allen (breast, free), and sophomores Anita David (diving, 50 and 100 free, relays), Judy Llewellyn (breast, butterfly, IM), and Melissa Wajcik (backstroke, relays).

Newcomers to the squad include senior Diana Salce, an American Field Service (AFS) student (freestyle), and frosh Gina Vergnani (free), Linda Bouchard (butterfly, free), Michelle Disilets (IM, free), Erika Fisher (back, breast), and Dottie Mazeika (free, back).

Most of the gals will be getting some time on the relay teams, according to Miss Mahoney.

The team's strength lies in Ann Llewellyn and a positive attitude - the type of attitude that earned last year's team the "Sportsmanship Award" in Division B. The most apparent weakness looks like the depth - always a problem for AHS.

Both the girls' and boys' 15-meet schedule got underway Tuesday, December 15th, vs. Central High of Springfield.



MEMBERS OF THE 1987-88 Agawam High boys' varsity swim team, back row, from left - Coach Dave Smith, Scott Russell, Brian Shameklis, John Welch, Mike Wojcik, Shea Charles, and Matt Marcinkiewicz. Front row - Steve Simmons, Jason Krynicki, Phil Gaylor, Tony Bracci, Matt Dessereau, Jimmie Mennard, and Chris Paltz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Deivne.

10-11 Year-Old Bay West Sextet Splits Weekend Slate

The West Springfield-Agawam (Bay West) Hockey entry in the 10-11 year-old age group came away with a split in games played last Saturday and Sunday.

Bay West was facing two big games as they played undefeated Franklin County at Cyr Arena last Saturday morning, and perennial rival Springfield Caps, Sunday morning, at The Olympia.

Bay West's coaching camba of Dan Willett and Dan Willett (an uncle-nephew staff) thought their team played one of its best games of this young season as they handed Franklin County its first defeat of the season, a shutout.

Goalie Joey Cigal sparkled in the nets as he kicked out anything the Franklin County team shot at him. The score was 0-0 going into the third period thanks to Cigal and defensemen Jon Goodhind, Brian Murray, Matt Gromaski, Matt Disca, Jon Coffey, and Sean Navone.

Steve Willett broke the scoring drought for Bay West with 5:22 left in the third period, and he was assisted by Brian Murray and Paul Braccialarghe. Randy Miller sealed the win for Bay West with a back-breaking goal punched in with 2:09 left in the game. The goal came after a great feed by Chris Newbrough.

Springfield skated away with a 5-2 win, Sunday, as Bay West came out flat and fell into a 5-0 hole. Springfield built a 4-0 first period lead, added one tally in the second period, and held-off a Bay West rally to get the win.

Bay West dominated play from midway through the second period, but it was a case of too little, too late.

The Bay West line of Sean Szczygiel, Chris Newbrough, and Randy Miller accounted for Bay West's two goals, with Randy Miller netting both. The first Miller goal was unassisted, and the second was assisted by Chris Newbrough. The Bay West coaches pointed out the play of Derek Willett, Paul Braccialarghe, Brian Murray, Dave Ramirez, Matt Gromaski, Steve Willett, and Mike Hinds as bright spots in the Bay West turnaround.

The players on the 1987-1988 edition of the 10-11 age division of Bay West Hockey are: **Joey Cigal, Paul Braccialarghe, Johnathan Coffey, Matt Disco, Johnathan Goodhind, Michael Hinds, Brian Murray, Randy Miller, Chris Newbrough, Sean Navone, David Ramirez, Sean Szczygiel, Derek Willett, Steven Willett, and Matt Gromaski.**

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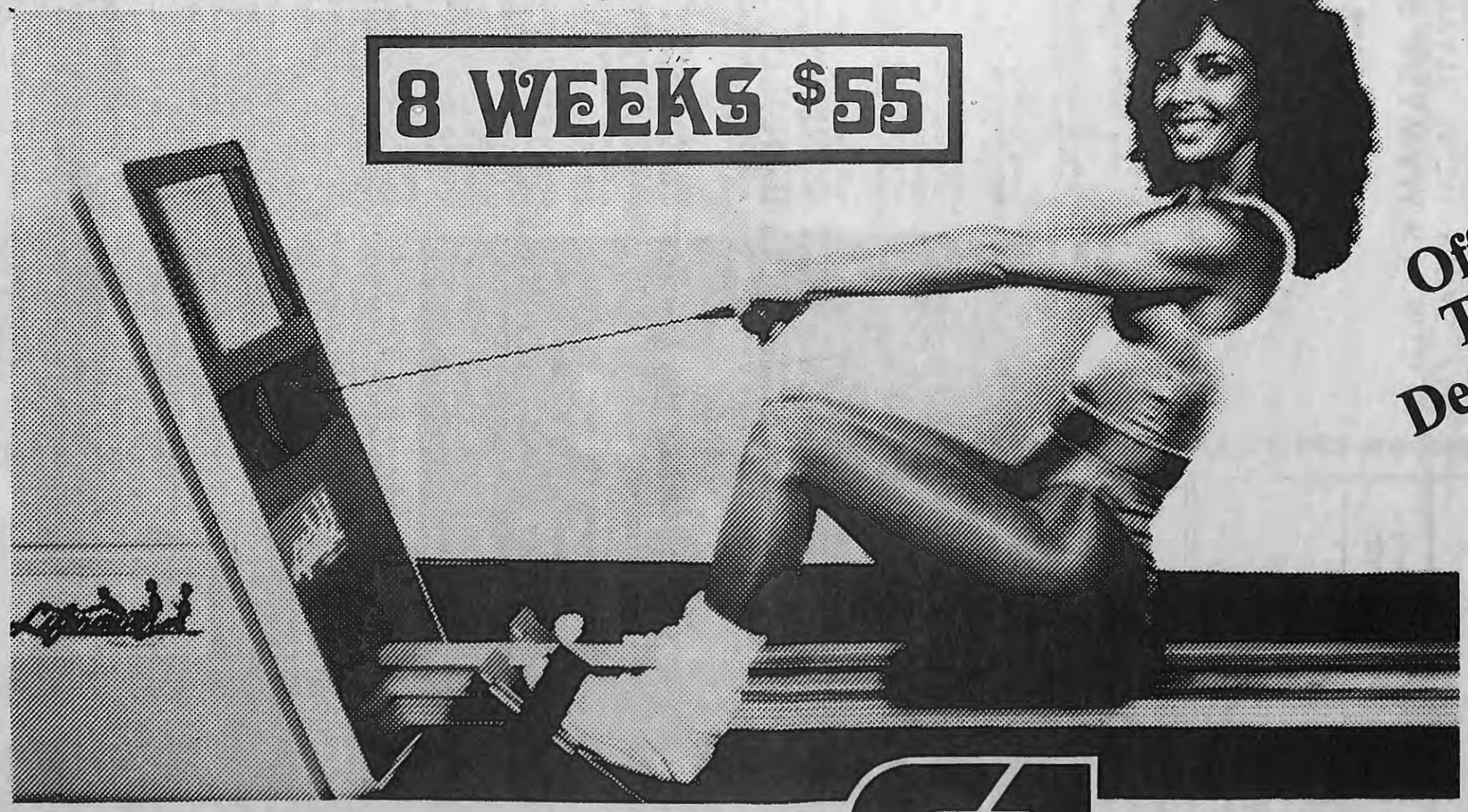
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Despite Lack Of Height, Conte's Gals May Make Lots Of Noise In WM This Year

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Although it appears that the Agawam High girls' varsity basketball program has been rebuilding for a few years, the team has remained highly-competitive as they have made-up for any lack of talent with hustle and desire.

Going into this season, the Brownies appear to have both the talent and desire, and with a coach such as Lou Conte pulling the reins, there's no telling where this team can go.

Agawam's 20-game schedule got underway, Tuesday, December 15th, with a home victory over rival West Springfield, 46-31. Cathy Scaggs led the way with 14 points, and Lori Desimone added 12. The Brownies took a 31-16 halftime lead and put it on cruise control the rest of the way.

One thing is for sure with the 1987-88 Brownies - this is a young team that needs a little time to work together and get some feeling for each other on both offense and defense. The girls lack size, but their outstanding speed and good shooting will get the better of their opponents in many games this season.

"There's no question that we must pressure the ball all over the court," notes Conte, a physical education teacher in the school system. "We have to take teams out of their offense and force some turnovers. Most of the time we'll be trying to stop the other team from setting-up inside. If we let them do that, we don't have a chance."

Conte is now in his second year at the Brownies' helm, and is considered one of the better coaches at AHS. "Sweet Lou" was a boys' junior varsity coach for two years (late 1970's), and the boys' varsity coach for five years. He led the Brownies to the Division B title in 1982, as well as the WM quarterfinals in 1980 and 1982.

After taking three years off from coaching to further his education and start a family with his lovely wife, Debbie, Conte returned to AHS a year ago to assume the girls' varsity job. He led the team to a solid 12-8 campaign, and a berth in the WM Tournament.

The girls lost to Chicopee High in a close call, but Conte made his mark from the bench and had his girls believing in themselves.

Returning to the team this year is senior captain Becki Runshaw, a field hockey hero who stands nearly six feet. She will obviously provide some good inside moves for the Brownies, as well as block a few shots. Runshaw starts at center along with three other returners.

The rest of the returners include junior Lori Desimone and sophomores Cathy Scaggs and Karen Patterson. Desimone does the majority of the ballhandling and is a good outside shooter. Scaggs is returning after a superb freshman year with the team on the frontline.

Scaggs may be the most gifted all-around player in the school in years, and she was a member of the gold medal winning girls' basketball team from the Baystate Games last summer.

Patterson, a speed merchant, also had a fine freshman year with the Brownies. She is a good ballhandler who can shoot. Teamed with Desimone, the Brownies have a formidable backcourt.

Another returner is junior Traci Trudel, another good inside player who can play defense.

A newcomer to the starting lineup this year is sophomore Jennifer Scaggs, Cathy's twin sister. She got some time on both the varsity and JV last year, but was hampered with a sprained ankle for most of the season. She is an emotional player who con score from the inside.

Newcomers to the squad that will solidify the team's overall strength are senior Kelly Erskine, juniors Missy Danio and Amy Fetherston, and sophomores Alana Graham and Missy Brown. All will see action this year, according to Conte.

One of the psychological assets of this team is that many of the members ore winners - Patterson, Erskine, Danio, Brown, Graham, and the Scaggs sisters were all key cogs in the girls' varsity soccer team's drive to the State Division I soccer title. With Conte's tenacious encouragement and knowledge, the Brownies may surprise a lot of people this year.

One of the keys to the Brownies' success this coming season will be Cathy Scaggs at forward. No one individual is bigger than the team, but Scaggs has the ability to take a game over with her skills and court sense. She can pass, shoot, rebound, play defense, and isn't shy about hitting the floor for loose balls.

Says Conte of his talented sophomore forward, "Cathy is one of the better players in the area. She runs the court well and is a good rebounder because of her jumping ability and timing. But the best quality about her is how hard she plays the game."

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MEMBERS OF THE 1987-88 GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, back row, from left - Cathy Scaggs, Traci Trudel, Becki Runshaw, Amy Fetherston, Missy Danio, and coach Lou Conte. Front row - Kelly Erskine, Alana Graham, Karen Patterson, Missy "Bubba" Brown, Lauri Desimone, and Jen Scaggs. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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THIS YEAR'S GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL team has two senior class members - Becky Runshaw and Kelly Erskine. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH Lou Conte with this year's team captain - Becky Runshaw. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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With the assistance of Debbie Lickley, Conte fully realizes that defense and pressure are two tools that will carry the Brownies this season. "I think with the hustle and the heart this team has, we'll win more than our share of games," says Conte.

Add talent and quickness to this agenda, and the Brownies will be a truly strong force in the league this year.

After defeating West Side Tuesday, the Brownies will travel to Holyoke, Friday, December 18th, followed by Minnechaug, Wednesday, December 23rd (away).

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AHS Winter Sports Preview

Martin Says 1987-88 Brownies Best Group School Has Seen "In A While"

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

With seven talented returners and several fine newcomers, the Agawam High boys' basketball team is poised for a strong run at the Valley Wheel title this winter.

After a few years of rebuilding, the Brownies now have the talent and experience to contend with anyone in the area - or shall we say that the Brownies will not go down with ease.

The Brownies' 20-game season got underway Tuesday, December 15th, with a 76-61 victory over host Holyoke. The contest was close through midway in the fourth quarter, but the Brownies pulled away in the final five minutes for the win. Jeff Peterson (17), Mike DiLullo (17), Jeff Reece (13), and Jim Lockwood (9) led the way offensively - but it was a team effort all the way in this one.

Third-year coach Mike Martin is more optimistic about this year's team than any other since he's taken the Brownie helm. Player for player, this group is the most talented he's had.

"We have quite a few kids back, so experience is on our side and we'll be looking for it to carry us through the season," says Martin, who has led AHS to two straight post-season berths. "The program here is the strongest it's been in a while and everyone is thinking positively. I know if these guys put their minds to it they can play with anybody."

One of the positives about this current boys' hoop team is that most of them were part of the fine 8-1-1 record posted by the school's football team in the fall. For any group of athletes to be successful, their mental approach must be positive - and you can bet the guys will use the winning attitude from the grid season and apply it to their current situation.

"I know the successful football season has helped the guys out mentally," notes Martin. "I was hoping it would carry over into the hoop season - and I think it will. Having the right frame of mind can really help a team."

Martin knows all about being a winner - he coached Springfield Commerce from 1973-1982. Out of those nine years, Martin's troops went to the WMass final eight times. The Red Raiders won five of them. Commerce also won three state titles during Martin's reign.

When Martin came to Agawam a few years back, townsfolk knew he could produce a winner if given a chance. Now, local residents know that Commerce just didn't have immense talent - they also has a coach who knew how to win and how to produce better basketball players.

When looking at this year's team, it's easy to see how the locals are going to get their wins - teamwork. The Brownies have a group of experienced players dedicated to winning games.

Among the returners are Jeff Peterson, Jeff Reece (the beef brothers), Mike DiLullo, Jim Lockwood, Chris Ollari, and Joe Kosinski. These players provide the squad with senior leadership, and they lead by example.

Peterson, a forward, is coming back after averaging 16.0 per game last year as a junior. He will get his points this year, as well as many rebounds, too.

Reece, a senior, is the big guy in the middle. He, like Peterson, will use his size and strength to create a formidable inside game.

Lockwood, a 5-11 guard, is one of the team's playmakers, and he controls the tempo of the Brownies' offense. Lockwood is one of the team's quicker players, as exhibited as a wide receiver for the football team in the fall (All-WM candidate).

DiLullo, a 6-2 guard, is another playmaker who combines his nifty passing, good court sense, and fine outside shooting to brighten the Brownies' backcourt.

Ollari, another guard at 6-1, will see plenty of action and will contribute in many ways. He is the classic scholar-athlete (ranked first in the class of 1988 academically). Kosinski, a 6-2 forward, will come off the bench to solidify the frontcourt.

Another returner is junior John Serra, the football team's quarterback. Serra is a talented, all-around athlete at 6-2, and will provide the team with smooth and smart play.

Some fine newcomers to the squad are senior Jack Patterson (6-1 forward), juniors Erich Fogg (6-4 center), and Aaron Vonderhoof (guard), and sophomores Jason Wooley (guard), and Shawn Smith (guard).

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AHS VARSITY HOOP COACH Mike Martin with his two captains - Jeff Peterson and Jim Lockwood. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SENIORS ON THIS YEAR'S AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY basketball team, from left -Mike DiLullo, Chris Ollari, Joe Kosinski, Jack Patterson, Jeff Peterson, Jeff Reece, and Jim Lockwood. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AHS Field Hockey Receives Awards



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL field hockey players who were recently named to the All-League team included Amy Schroeder, Cindy Jochim, Karen McCarthy, and Shelly Morris. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL field hockey team received "The Sportsmanship Award" at the WM Tournament. Pictured with coach Cindy Grieve are captains Cindy Jochim and Becki Runshaw. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

BOYS' HOOP - From Page 62...

Patterson and Fogg will come in and bang the boards, and are real hustlers. Wooley, Vanderhoof, and Smith add depth to an olready strong backcourt.

Talking about the team, Martin notes, "We'll be doing as much running as possible - and hitting the oper man is a key far us. We'll be playing an uptempo style that features a balanced scoring attack. What I want to stay away from is depending on one individual to always get the job done.

Agawam's toughest competition in the Valley Wheel is Chicopee Comp, who is returning four of five starters. But the locals hove an excellent shot at grabbing the VW banner.

After defeating Holyoke Tuesday night, the locals ore facing always-tough Cathedral, Friday, December 18th (home), in o game many of the Brownie seniors sorely want to win. Greenfield comes to town Wednesday, December 23rd.

CAPSULE PREVIEW

COACH: Mike Martin, third year

LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 11-10, qualifed for WM Division I Tournament.

RETURNERS: Jeff Peterson, Jim Lockwood, Jeff Reece, Mike DiLullo, Joe Kosinski, and Chris Ollari, seniors; John Serra, junior.

PROMISING NEWCOMERS: Jack Patterson, senior; Aaron Vanderhoof, junior; Jason Wooley and Shawn Smith, sophomores.

STRENGTHS: experience, good quickness, talented players at both front and backcourt, depth.

WEAKNESS: height

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Radewick Coming Back To Riverside

Marty Radewick of Agawam has always been one of the "hottest" prospects in the NASCAR Winston Rocing Series at Riverside Park Speedway.

In 1987 Radewick's name and impressive list of top finishes did nat appear in the lineup of record books. Radewick, a successful business person, owner of a local burr and tooling chop, took the 1987 season off to devote full attention to his family business.

For 1988, Radewick is expected to return to the NASCAR Modified scene at Riverside Park Speedway, driving for a new team; that team also has a great deal of history at the impressive one-quarter mile; Don Flynn, a prominent successful financial wizard of Bradley Air Parking and Investments, has purchased the former Bob Polverari 711.

The new team of Radewick and Flynn hos already started to prepare far 1988. Flynn, after purchasing the car, contracted Fyne-Lyne Fabrication to renovate the car with the latest in 1988 specs. It is expected that the new Modified will carry the famed Flynn colors and the number 25. Don Flynn, a former professionol boxer, was also a frontrunning driver at Stafford, Thompson, and Riverside.

Marty, 35, is alsa another driver that dreams of being a Winston Cup Driver. His racing career includes over 30 career wins at Claremont, Monadnock, Riverside, and Waterford. Other honors for him include "Rookie of the Year," "Most Improved," "Outstanding Performance," and "Best Appearing Car."

Radewick will be tough to beat at Riverside in the MASCAR Modifieds, but is a strong guy to watch for the Eagle Snacks 100, when the season opens March 26th. His toughest competition will be expected from Reggie Ruggiero, SJ Evonsion, Mike McLaughlin, Bruce D'Alessandro, John Rosati, and the defending champion, Mike Stefonik.

Riverside's new purse is why more teams are making the move to Riverside.

Champions' Post Cards Available At Riverside

It's the "hottest" free promotional item in the NASCAR Winston Racing Series at Riverside Park Speedway. Race Director Ben Dodge, Jr., has released another award-winning color picture postcard schedule of the Champions for Riverside's 1988 Season.

This year's collectible postcard schedule is again in full color with photos of the action-packed 1987 Riverside NASCAR Winston Racing Series Champions. On the cover is Mike Stefanik, in the Clint & Nancy Hank's 37 Modified. That's nat all; there is an action photo of the 1987 Pro Stock Champion, Paul Surprenant, with his erotic IROC-Z 82 Camaro. The Street Stock Champion for 1987, Jim Mavlouganes, is also featured showing-off his Wethersfield car wash Monti Carlo.

On the other side of the card is the 1988 schedule of events that includes aver 40 race programs. For the NASCAR Modifieds, Pro Stocks and Streets, it's sure excitement. It also lists all the holiday specials, and the Dem-Duros and Enduros, NASCAR Modified Tour events, and much more.

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Lynne Waryasz Completes Season On WNEC Soccer

Lynne Waryasz, a freshman from Feeding Hills, recently completed the season as a member of the Western New England College women's soccer team.

Miss Waryasz concluded her first year on the team. Miss Waryasz, a forward, finished the year with one assist for the 6-8-1 Golden Bears, under coach Karen Limero.

Miss Waryasz attended Agawam High School where she lettered in soccer and ski team.

Miss Waryasz is the daughter af Richard & Jean Waryasz of Feeding Hills.

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Where the land is being taken out of hunting in Massachusetts, it is the opposite in Connecticut. It will take a decade of no hunting in order for the pendulum to swing back into the face of the populace (realizing that hunting is the only tool for controlling the ballooning deer herds.

Archers who completed the first half of their season November 20th, reported taking 742 deer to date. It is down slightly from 1986 when 761 were taken in the first half of the archery season. However, the archers have an additional 10 days to hunt before the first of the year, and the biologist, Jim Spignesi, expects the tolly to top 800 again this year.

Archer **James Wald** of Torrington reported taking a 13-point buck in Colebrook; the deer weighed 247 pounds, field dressed—a record for this year so far.

The muzzleloader deer season shows a 29 percent increase in the reported harvest compared to last year. Check station records indicate 1,250 deer were checked so far this year. The year-end muzzleloader kill for 1986 was 968 deer.

Every once in a while along comes a book that is so outstanding, it's a gem to behold. The *Pioneer Heritage Wild Game Cookbook* is a book I place in this class. It is authored by Trapper Jack French who has compiled old-fashioned frontier favorites—recipes long forgotten and recipes that have been handed down year after year over many generations.

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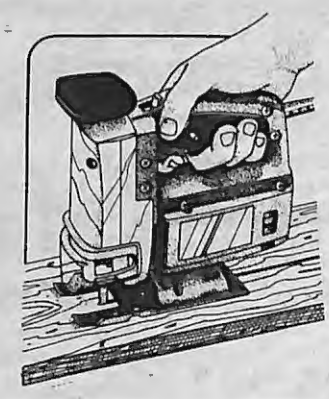


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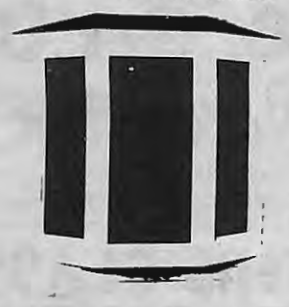
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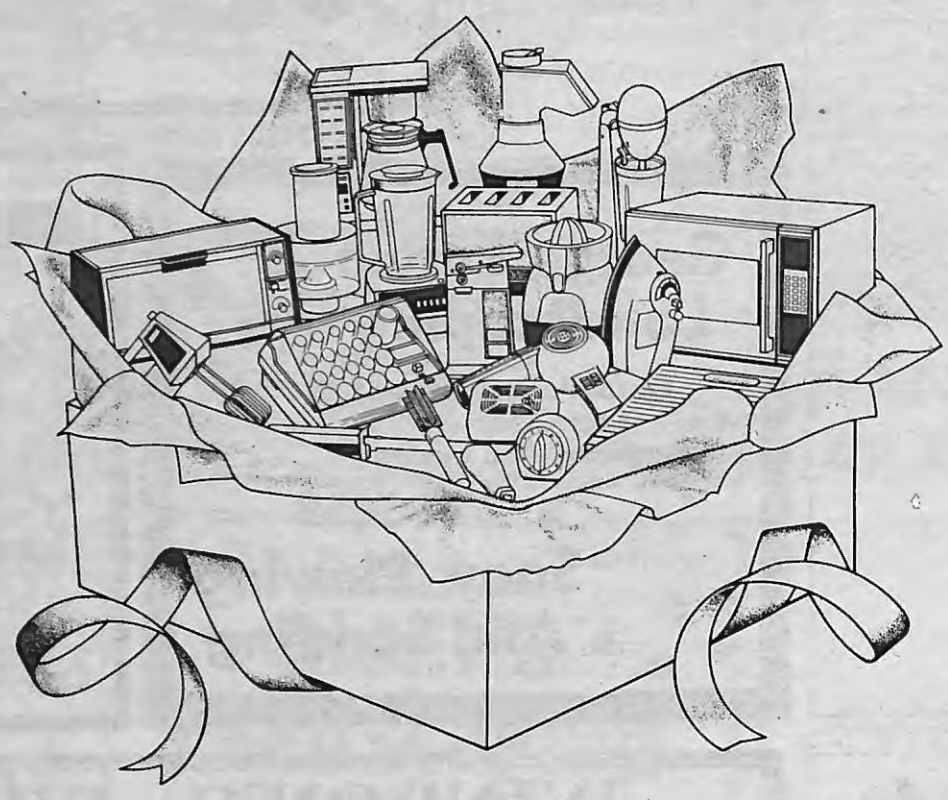
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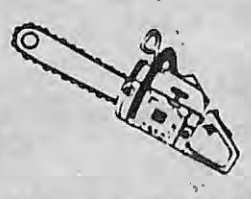
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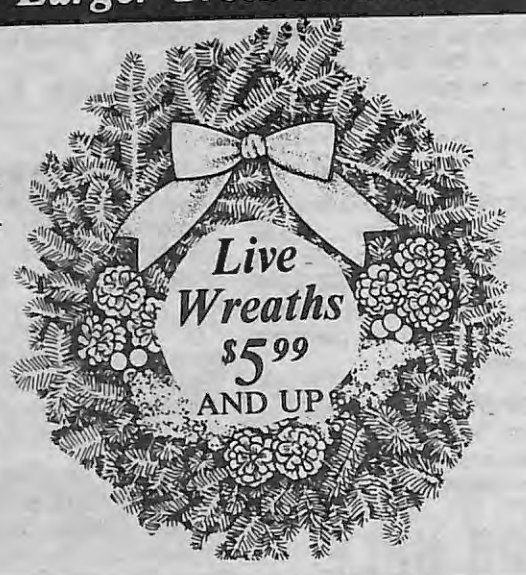


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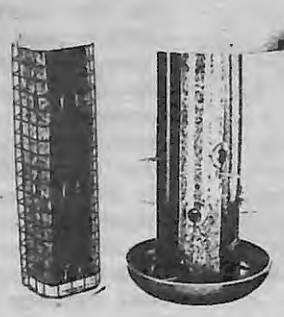
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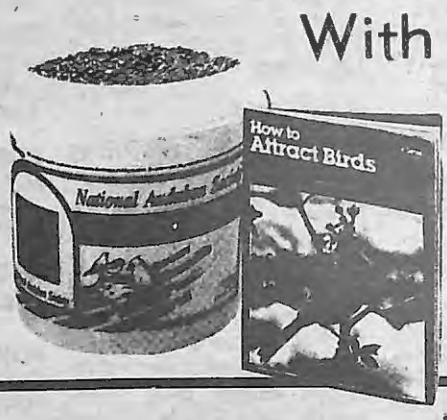
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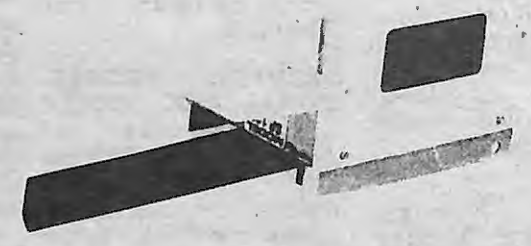


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